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CHAPTER 01
THE KITE
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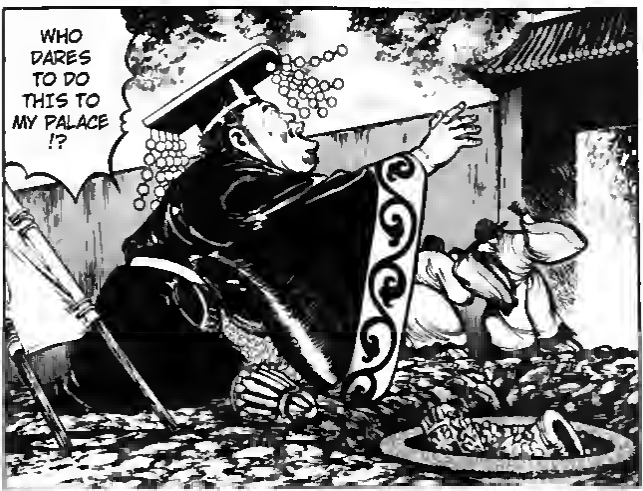
DAMN IT! THEY SET OUR HOUSES ON FIRE!
FUCKING BASTARDS!
WO WOOOWO
FORGET YOUR HOUSES, DEFEND THE WALL INSTEAD,
DO NOT LET THEM ENTER THE CITY
HUM HUM
I CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF ALL THE SMOKE ..
THEIR HOUSES ARE BURNING, THEY WILL BE PANICKING
AND THE SMOKE PROVIDES COVER
NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO ATTACK!

IN THE CITY OF RYO
TRY NOT TO INHALE ANY SMOKE

REMOVE EVERYTHING FLAMMABLE!
DO NOT LET THE FIRE SPREAD

AHA
ON FIRE! IT'S ALL ON FIRE!
EXTIN-GUISH IT! HURRY, HURRY!


WHO DARES TO DO THIS TO MY PALACE !?

GAH
HERE IT COMES

HYUU

TCHAC
TCHIC
HYUUH
NOOO!
POC
HYUUH
HYUUH
HYUUH
TA
TA
TA

THERE IS STILL ONE WOLF LEFT!
TA TA TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
BATCH
POUIC
POK
GRRR

PATA PATA PATA
DZA DZA
WA WA
WOOOO
HIC
BERK
CLEAR THE HUTS BEFORE THEY IGNITE!
TIA TIA TIA TA
BERK

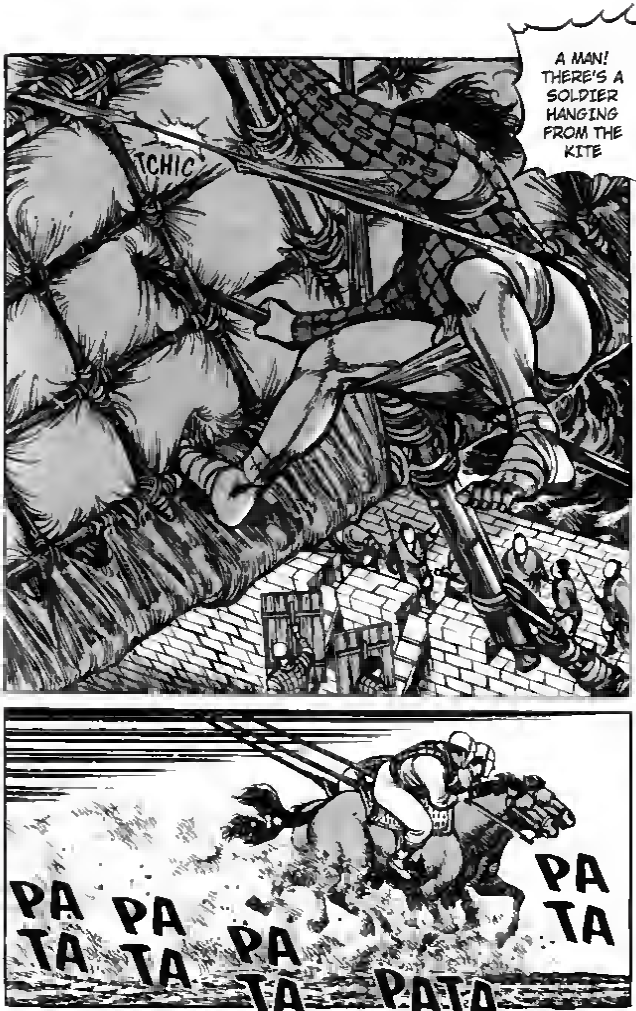
!!
DZZZ
SHIIIT!
DZZZ
HEK
HEK
DA...
!!

GLA
GLA
RYOKI
FL
FL
WAAAAAA RRRHHH! LORD RYOTEKI!
WOOO
PATCHIT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? IT'S NOT SAFE
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE !!!

MY HANDS WERE MADE TO CHERISH YOU, NOT TO CARRY A SPEAR
WHEN WILL THIS WAR END ?!?
SOONER OR LATER
ALL BATTLES COMES TO AN END
I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU!
WA
WA
GOOD! LET US ADVANCE TO THE NEXT PHASE!

WA
WA
WA
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY UP TO?
TAGDA TAGDA TAGDA
TA PA TA
TA PA TA

WHAT IS IT THEY'RE DRAGGING
IT'S A KITE !!!
WOOOH
WA
WA WA WA
NOW!
THIS WILL SHOW THEM!
WHAT THE ... LOOK AT THAT
IT'S HEADING FOR US


A MAN! THERE'S A SOLDIER HANGING FROM THE KITE
TCHIC
PA TA PA TA PA TA PATA PA TA

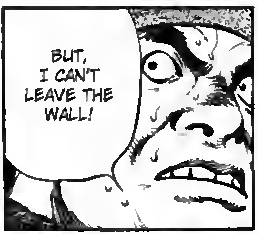
PA PA PA PA PA PA
TA TA TA TA TA TA
THE ROPE IS TOO STRAINED, IT WONT HOLD
JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE!
WOOOO
CRACK
PATATRAS
AAA AAR RRH HH!
HI HI HI
GA GA

WA GHYAAH
OUTCH
HII
HI
HE FELL FROM THE KITE !!!

PLAF
TCHOC
CRAC
GROOOWAH

GROOOWAH
WHAT WAS THAT? A SCREAM FROM THE MAN THAT FELL?
HE MUST BE A REAL MONSTER!
THE FALL SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM!
YAH
YAH

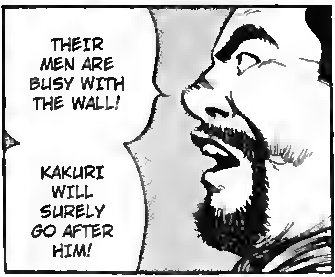
WHERE DID HE GO? IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF HE WENT BERSERK IN THE CITY!

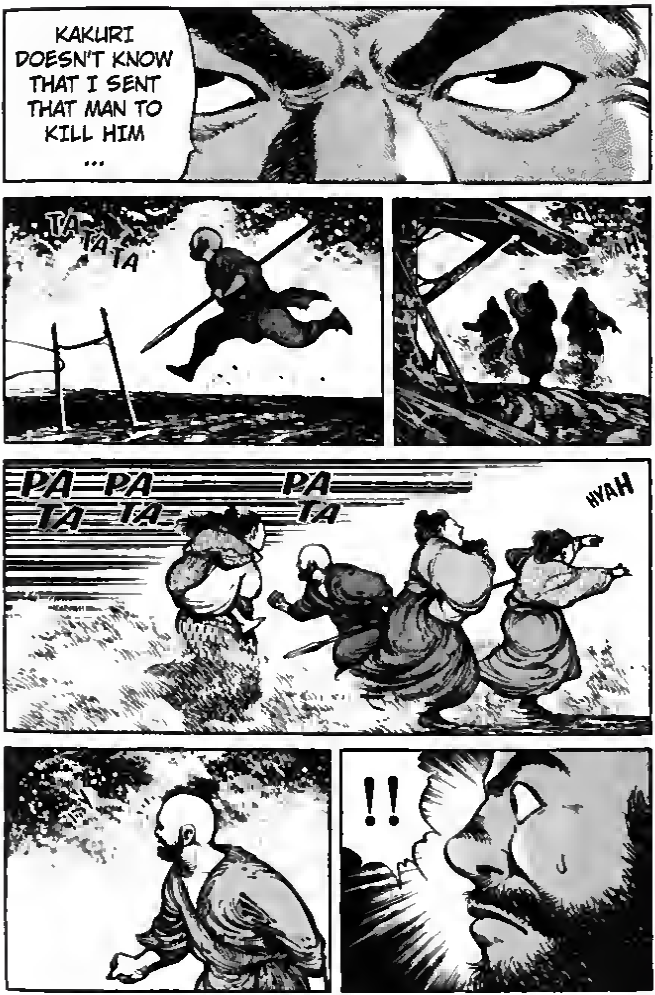

BUT, I CAN'T LEAVE THE WALL!

.....

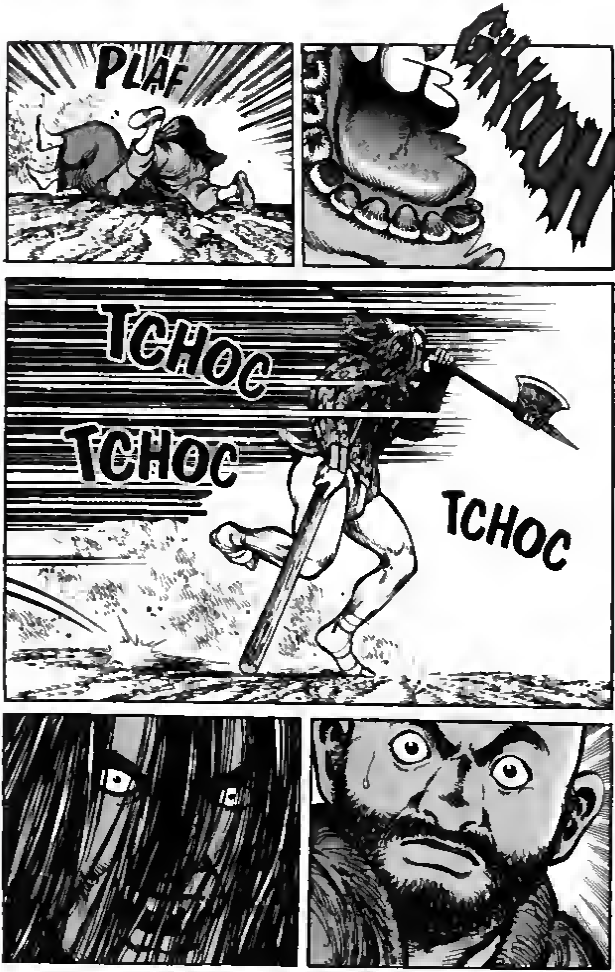
I'LL GO SEE!

DZZZ


THEIR MEN ARE BUSY WITH THE WALL!
KAKURI WILL SURELY GO AFTER HIM!


KAKURI DOESN'T KNOW THAT I SENT THAT MAN TO KILL HIM ...
TA TA TA
HYAH
PA PA PA
TA TA TA
HYAH
!!

AAAH...
BOH
TA-TA-TA
FLOP
ICHOC


PLAF
GNOOH
TCHOC
TCHOC
TCHOC

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# DEADLY DUEL

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TCHOC
TCHOC
TCHOC
GHYOOH
DZA
TAH

TCHAC
PLAF
OH! COULD IT BE..? ARE YOU KAKURI?
THAT FACE, THAT HAIRCUT, IT MUST BE
JUST LIKE KOENTCHU SAID! HE KNEW YOU'D GO AFTER ME
AN ASSASSIN SENT BY KOENTCHU?

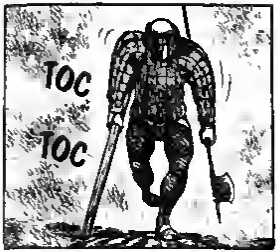
SOUTH OF THE WESTERN WALL
WAH
WAH
DESTROY THEIR RAMPS! IF THEY USE ANYMORE OF THEM, WE WONT BE ABLE TO DEFEND OURSELVES
OUOO
AT THE EASTERN WALL
GHYAH
WAH
LORD RYOKAI, THERE'S BEEN MANY CASUALTIES AT THE WESTERN WALL

DAMN! IF ONLY KAKURI WAS THERE
HUH?
SEND ABOUT THIRTY MEN TO THE WESTERN WALL!
UNDER-STOOD!
I ... I NEED SOME ... WATER!
AAH
AAH
OUOO
WATER ...
IT HURTS!

HOLD ON!
I CAN'T SEE KAKURI ANYWHERE,
HE MUST'VE GONE AFTER HIM WITHOUT REALISING THAT HE'S AN ASSASSIN
CHOMP
BISHO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR SITUATION?
WELL ... THE OUTCOME IS OBVIOUS ...

IS THAT YOUR HONEST OPINION?
.....
THE MAJOR ASSET OF THE CITY, IS NOT THE WALLS, BUT KAKURI ... IF ONLY HE WOULD DISAPPEAR ...
HYUUH
CRAC
POF
GAHHH

PLAF
CRAC
GAAH
PLA
AF


TOC
TOC

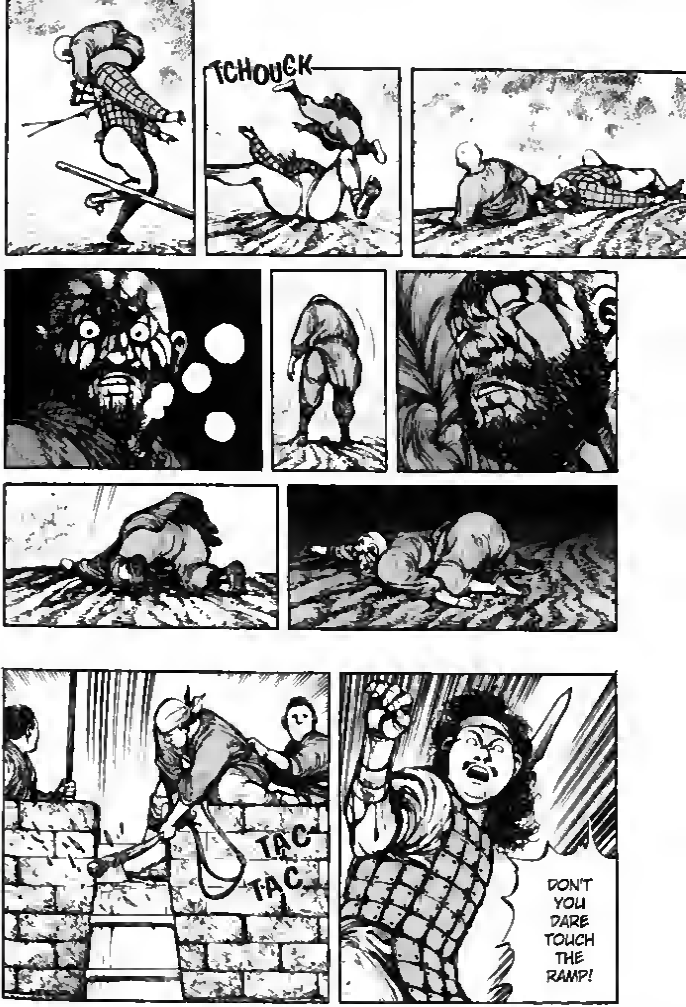
!

TA-TA-TA

GAAH

TCHOC

PLAF
PLAF

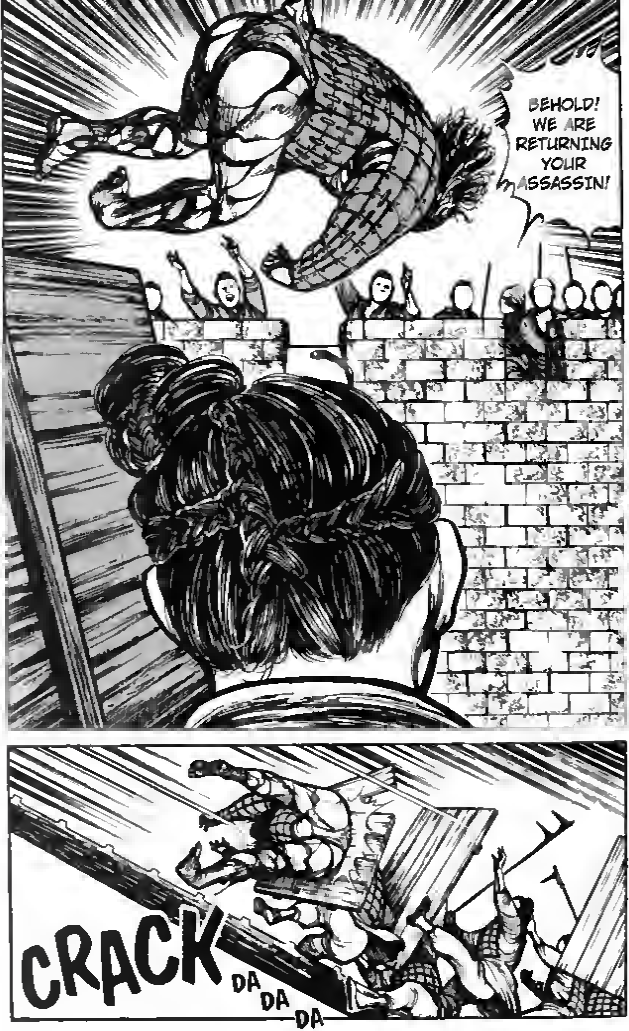

TCHOUCK
TAC
TAC
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH THE RAMP!

HYUUH
PLOF
WAA AAA AAA AHH !!!
PLOUITCH
HA HA HA! WELL DONE!
SHIT! I'LL TAKE HIS PLACE!
DON'T, YOU HAVE A FAMILY! I'LL DO IT!

TAC
TAC
MISTER KAKURI HASN'T RETURNED YET
SAIKYU JUST WENT TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPEND TO HIM!
DZA
AAA AAH HH!
CRAC
GA GA GA GA
SHIIIT!
GA GA GA GA

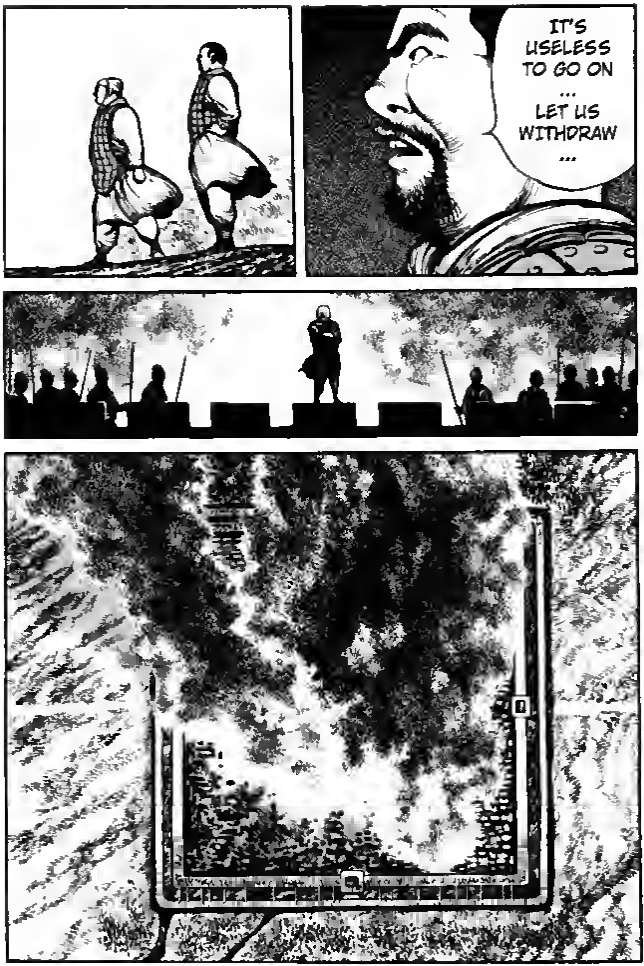
CHYA
WA
PLOUAAF
TCHAC
PLAF
TCHOC

WA
WAA
AAH
WE DID IT!
THE OTHER RAMPS WONT LAST LONG!
SIGH
WAAA AAAA AARR RRRR HHHH
DZAH


BEHOLD! WE ARE RETURNING YOUR ASSASSIN!
CRACK
DA DA DA

WA
WA
WA
WA
AND THE MAN OF BOKK?
WHAT HAPPENED TO KAKURI?
OH!! MISTER BISHO, LOOK AT THAT!!

ZZZ
WHAT A SCARY GUY!!


IT'S USELESS TO GO ON ... LET US WITHDRAW ...

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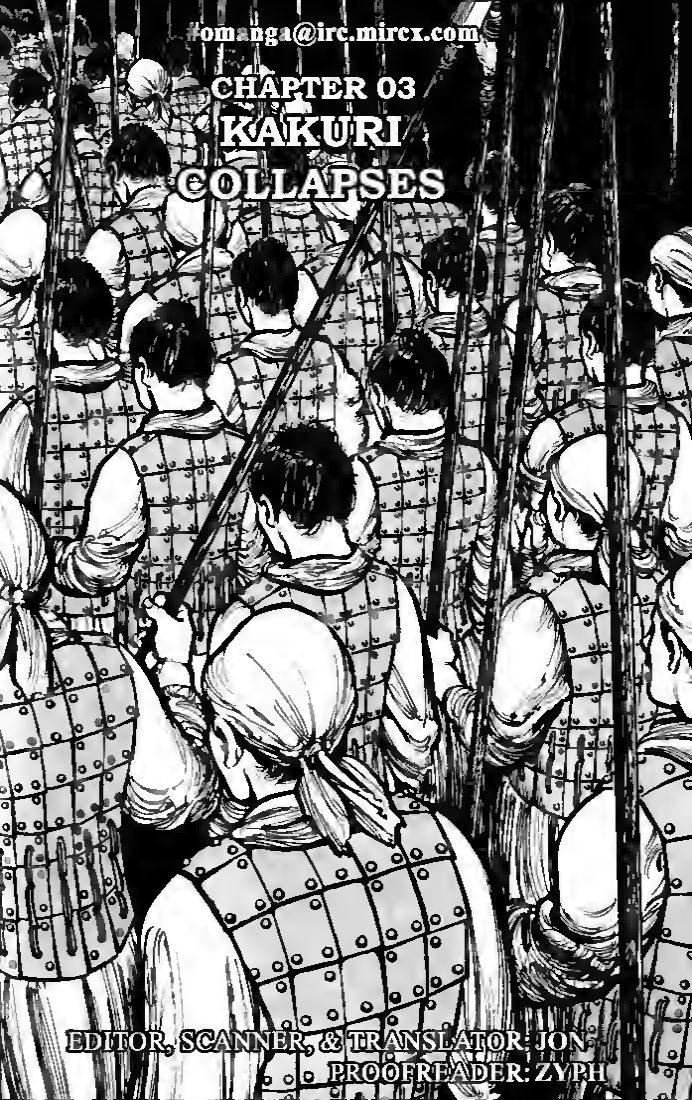
# CHAPTER 03
# KAKURI COLLAPSES



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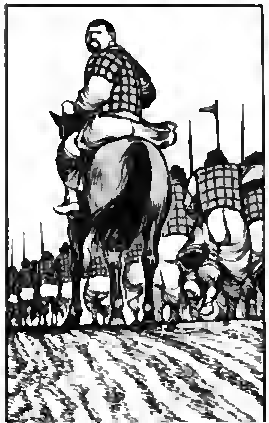
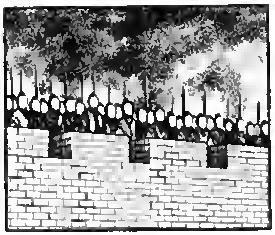
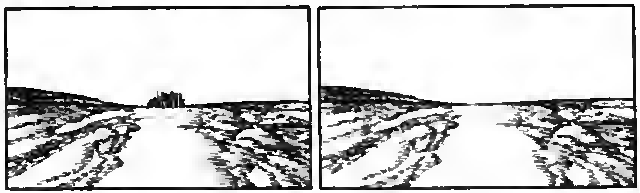
DZA
DZA



JUST ONE MAN OF BOKK CAN CAUSE THIS MUCH TROUBLE ...



LOOK, THEY'RE LEAVING!
DO NOT FORGET THAT THE WAR IS NOT YET OVER
THEY WILL TRY TO FIND NEW STRATEGIES AND THEN THEY WILL RETURN



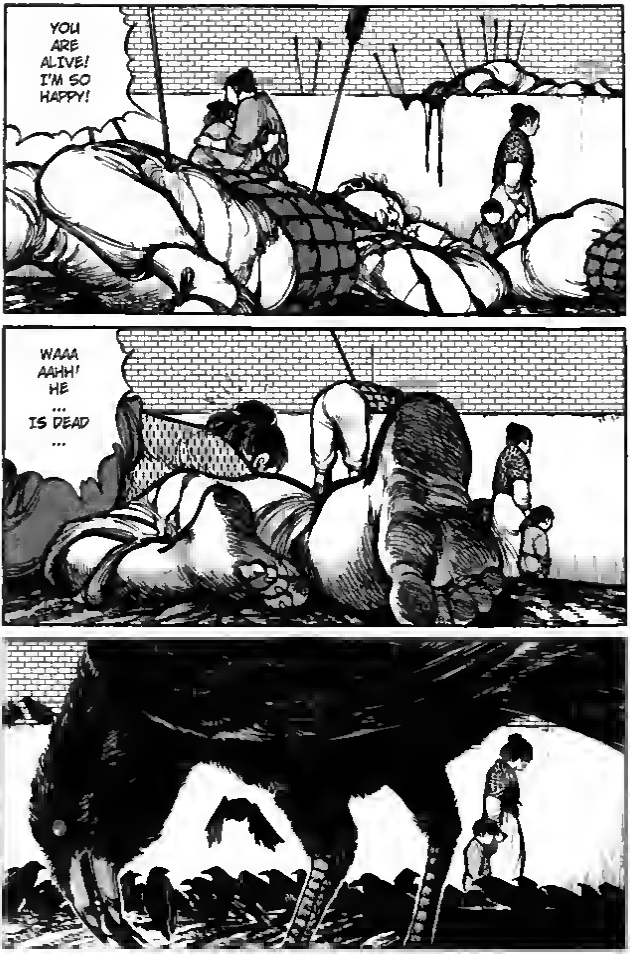
THE ENEMY HAS LEFT ...
I ENTRUSTED RYOTEKI WITH THE TASK OF EXTIN-GUISHING THE FIRE..
NOW THOSE OF YOU FIT TO FIGHT WILL HAVE TO BURY THE CORPSES ...
RIGHT NOW?
YES, WE SHOULD ACT BEFORE THE BODIES START TO DECOMPOSE
WE ARE ALL EXHAUSTED, IF WE COULD JUST REST FOR A WHILE ...
THIS TIME, WE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM LAY AND ROT

LET US START WORKING!!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF!
HOO RAY
M... MISTER KAKURI
DAH!
PLOF
PUT HIM DOWN
GENTLY, GENTLY!

SNIF
HII
MISTER KAKURI IS DEAD!
WAAAH
MISTER KAKURI IS DEAD!
STOP IT!
HE IS ONLY UN-CONSCIOUS
OH
LET US TAKE CARE OF HIS WOUND AND LET HIM SLEEP FOR AS LONG AS HE NEEDS, HE WILL MAKE IT!!
LET'S GO, TAKE CARE OF THE CORPSES!
GO!

HAVE YOU SEEN MY HUSBAND?

WHO? NAKAGAWA? NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM


YOU ARE ALIVE! I'M SO HAPPY!
WAAA AAHH! HE ... IS DEAD ...

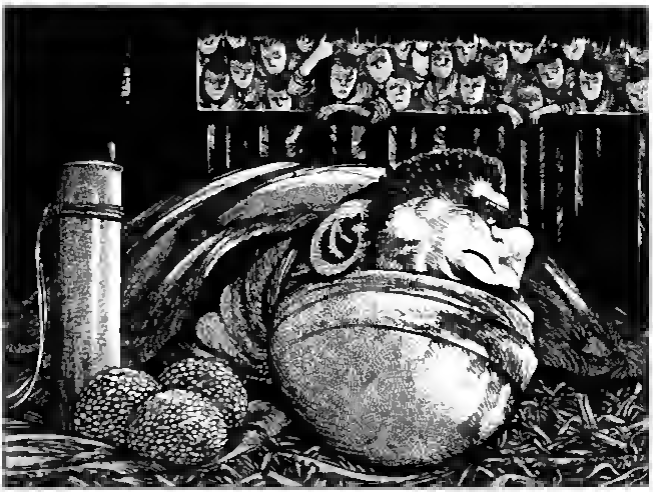
WHAT? NAKAGAWA? TARO NAKAGAWA? DEAD? YOU MUST BE JOKING!
SUCH A STRONG MAN IS NOT KILLED THAT EASILY!
IT IS TRUE! ON THE WESTERN WALL, HE WAS OUT-STANDING!
HAHA
GO SEE IF HE'S STILL THERE
DREADFUL, IT IS THE MOST HORRIBLE LOOKING CORPSE
I'VE EVER..
BAYA
BAYA
TARO!

HE FELL FROM THE TOP OF THE WALL
AND HIT THE SOLDIER WHO WAS LYING BENEATH HIM
THEIR BONES ARE ENTANGLED, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEPARATE THEM
CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WE'LL HAVE TO BURY BOTH THEIR BODIES TOGETHER
AH, SUCH A GOOD MAN, WHAT A WAY TO DIE...

UAA HAHA HAH !!!!
SHE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE CRYING ...
JUST LOOK AT THE CEMETERY ...
IT IS FILLED WITH CRYING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

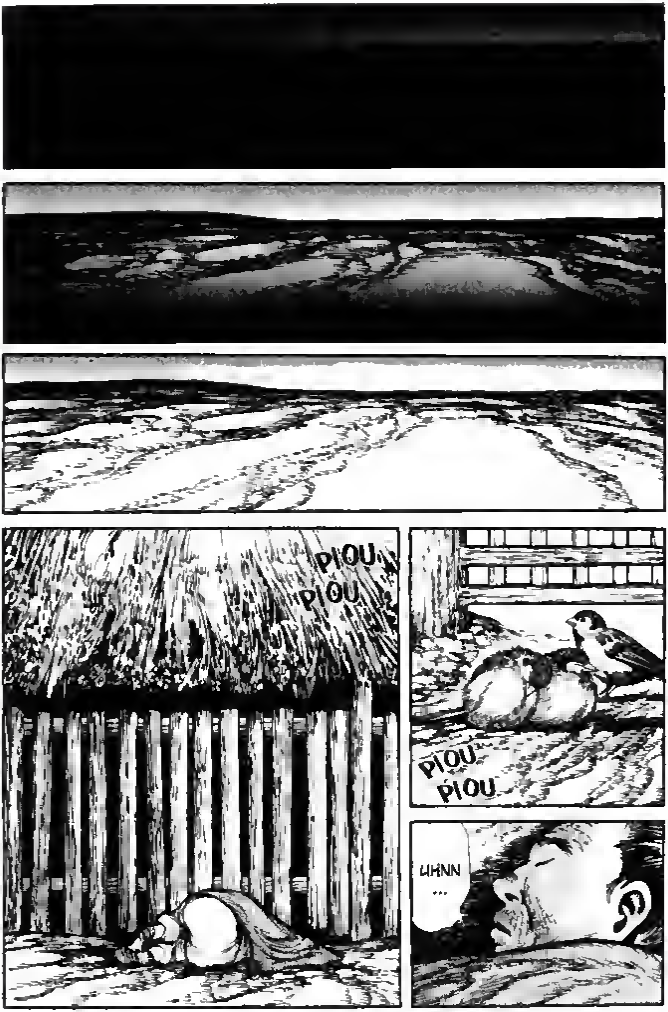
WOH
WOH
WAH
WAHA
WA
WA
WAAH
WA

WOOH
WAH
WOOH
HYUUH
HYUUUUUH
TCHIC
TCHIC
DZZAH



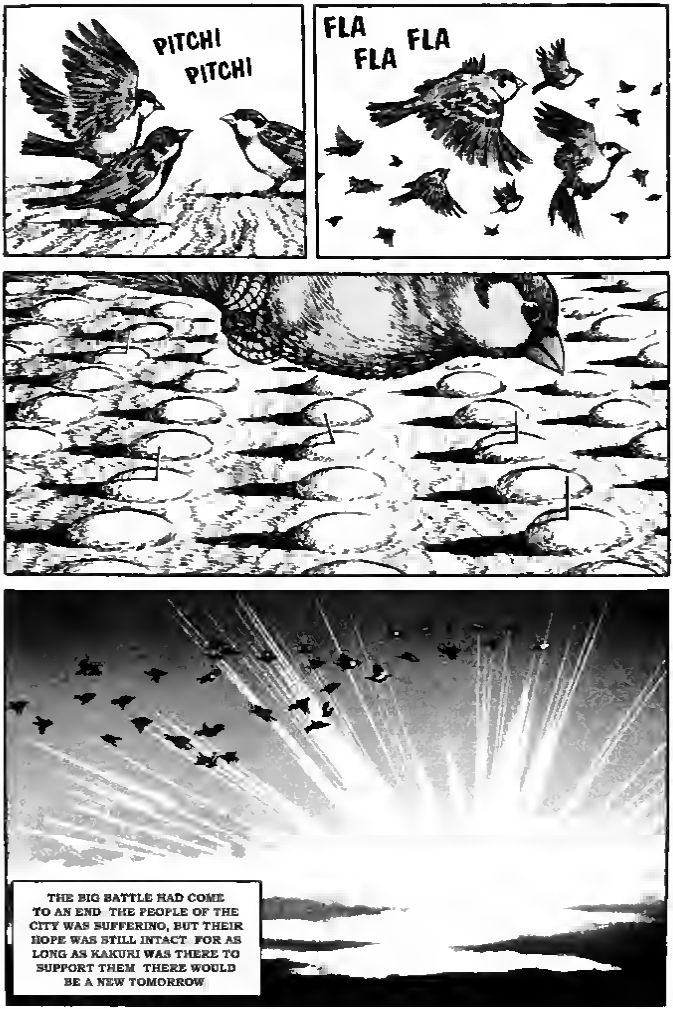
I LEFT HIM A MEAL AND SOME WATER, BUT ..
HE'S NOT MOVING ..
IS HE ALIVE ... OR IS HE DEAD ...

WILL HE SURVIVE?
IF MISTER KAKURI WOULD DIE ALL OF A SUDDEN...
DON'T SPEAK NONSENSE, HE IS ASLEEP!
I WILL STAY AND TAKE CARE OF HIM
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO DO HERE ... LET SAIKYU STAY AND GUARD HIM!
TCHO'S ARMY LOST TWO HUNDRED SOLDIERS, WE LOST A HUNDRED
THAT'S A LOT OF CORPSES ...
AND ALL THE YOUNG MEN... EVEN IF THE WAR ENDS, A LOT OF THEM WILL DIE
WINNING OR LOSING, ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER... WILL SOMEONE BE ABLE TO STOP THIS WAR SOMEDAY?


PIOU
PIOU
PIOU
PIOU
UHNN
...

HOW IS MISTER KAKURI?
AH
HUH?
MYOM MYOM
MYOM MYOM
AH! I KNEW YOU WEREN'T AN ORDINARY MAN!
AH! EVERYBODY LISTEN!

WAIT!!
THE ARMY OF TCHO WONT RETURN FOR A WHILE
LET THE PEOPLE REST, SO THAT THEY CAN REGAIN THEIR POWER AND WILL TO FIGHT
LET THEM SLEEP, JUST FOR TODAY


PITCHI
PITCHI
FLA
FLA
FLA
THE BIG BATTLE HAD COME TO AN END THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY WAS SUFFERING, BUT THEIR HOPE WAS STILL INTACT FOR AS LONG AS KAKURI WAS THERE TO SUPPORT THEM THERE WOULD BE A NEW TOMORROW

## CHAPTER 04

# THE VISITOR

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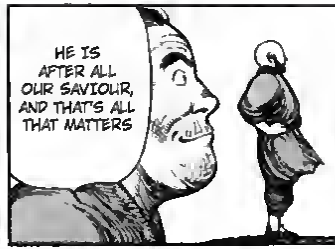
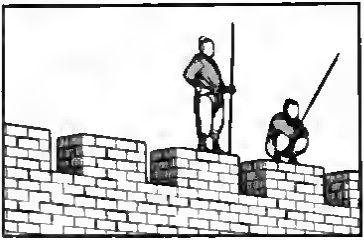
DZA
DZA
WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR TCHO'S NEXT ATTACK
WE MUST DO THIS QUICKLY!
FROM WHERE WILL THEY ATTACK US?
DZA
DZA
KAKURI SEEMS TO KNOW EVERYTHING, BUT HE KEEPS IT TO HIMSELF

HEY! YOU TWO!
STOP CHATTERING, AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! WE SHOULD JUST BE GLAD THAT HE'S HERE


HE IS AFTER ALL OUR SAVIOUR, AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS

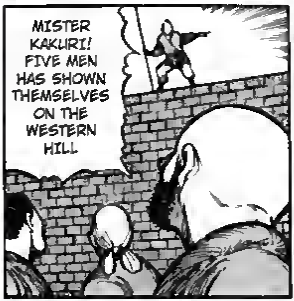
WHEN HE CAME, ALL ALONE, TO OUR CITY, NOBODY BELIEVED IN HIM BUT NOW WE KNOW THAT HE IS TRULY A MAN OF BOKK!

IT IS SAID THAT HE IS THE RIGHT HAND MAN OF THE CLAN'S GREAT LEADER, DENJOSHI!
YES, I THINK SO TOO

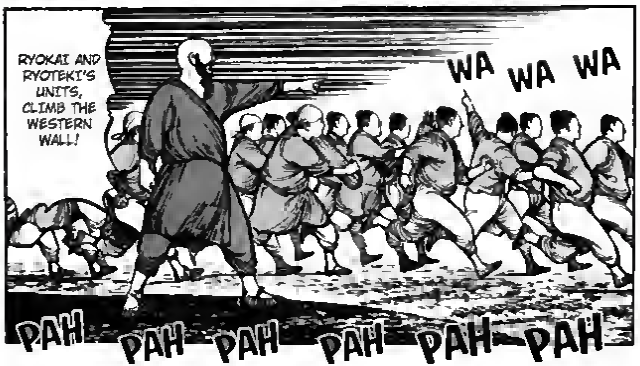


EH?

WHO'S THAT OVER THERE ?!?


MISTER KAKURI! FIVE MEN HAS SHOWN THEMSELVES ON THE WESTERN HILL

I CANNOT SEE WHO THEY ARE, SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO GO AND TAKE A LOOK


RYOKAI AND RYOTEKI'S UNITS, CLIMB THE WESTERN WALL!
WA WA WA
PAH PAH PAH PAH PAH PAH

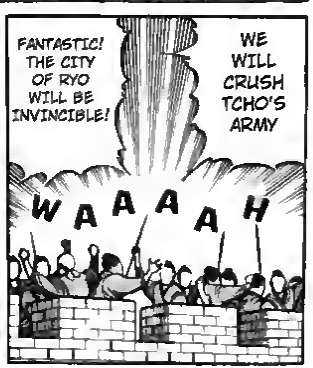
ARE THEY SOLDIERS FROM TCHO?
I'M NOT SURE, THEY ARE TOO FAR AWAY
ONE OF THEM IS APPROACHING!
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA

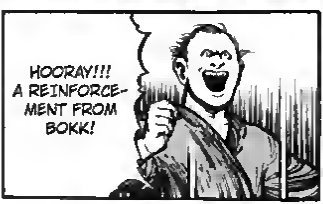
!

HIM ?!?

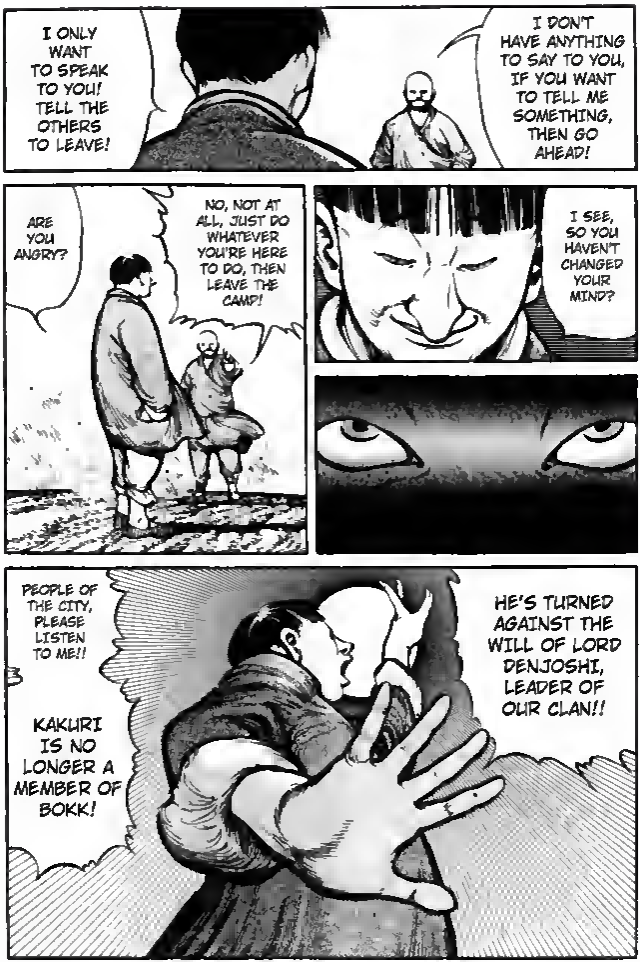
I COME FROM THE CLAN CALLED BOKK,
MY NAME IS SETSUHEI AND I NEED TO SPEAK WITH KAKURI
KAKURI! PLEASE STEP OUT OF THE CITY

A MAN OF BOKK?


FANTASTIC! THE CITY OF RYO WILL BE INVINCIBLE!
WE WILL CRUSH TCHO'S ARMY
WAAAAH


HOORAY!!! A REINFORCE-MENT FROM BOKK!

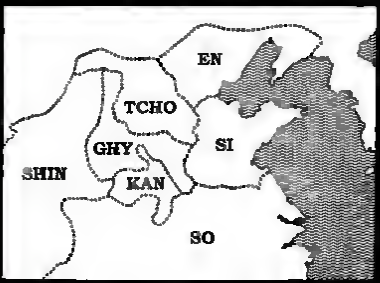
EH, MISTER KAKURI
HEY, BIG BROTHER, KAKURI LOOKS BOTHERED
DZA DZA
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HUH?
.....


I ONLY WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU! TELL THE OTHERS TO LEAVE!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO YOU, IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING, THEN GO AHEAD!
ARE YOU ANGRY?
NO, NOT AT ALL, JUST DO WHATEVER YOU'RE HERE TO DO, THEN LEAVE THE CAMP!
I SEE, SO YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED YOUR MIND?
PEOPLE OF THE CITY, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!!
KAKURI IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF BOKK!
HE'S TURNED AGAINST THE WILL OF LORD DENJOSHI, LEADER OF OUR CLAN!!

MISTER DENJOSHI DID NOT AGREE TO DEFEND YOUR CITY
IT IS OF HIS OWN WILL THAT KAKURI CAME HERE!
WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE AGAINST TCHO, WILL BE DECIDED BY BOKK, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
HE'S SAYING THAT KAKURI IS NOT A MAN OF BOKK
DID KAKURI FOOL US?
BAYA
BAYA
ON THE CONTRARY!
KAKURI IS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T GIVE UP ON US
BAYA
BAYA
BAYA

.....
KAKURI! WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SMALL COUNTRIES THAT NEVER STOP FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER ...
I INTEND TO BECOME AN ALLY OF THE COUNTRY OF SHIN SOON
DENJOSHI
LEADER OF BOKK

KAKURI, THE TIME HAS COME FOR OUR CLAN TO START ON A NEW JOURNEY!
THE COUNTRY OF SHIN IS LOCATED IN THE WESTERN REGIONS, THE POPULATION IS LOW AND THEIR ARMY IS WEAK, BUT THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY HAS A NOBLE SPIRIT. HE WANTS TO INCREASE THE POWER OF HIS STATE
IF WE GIVE HIM A HAND, HE CAN EASILY OVERCOME THE SIX OTHER COUNTRIES. TCHO, GHY, KAN, EN, SI AND SO
THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN DO! MAYBE THIS WILL BE OUR CHANCE TO CREATE THE UTOPIA WE GAVE UP ON, WHERE EVERYONE WOULD LIVE AS EQUALS IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER


EN
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SHIN
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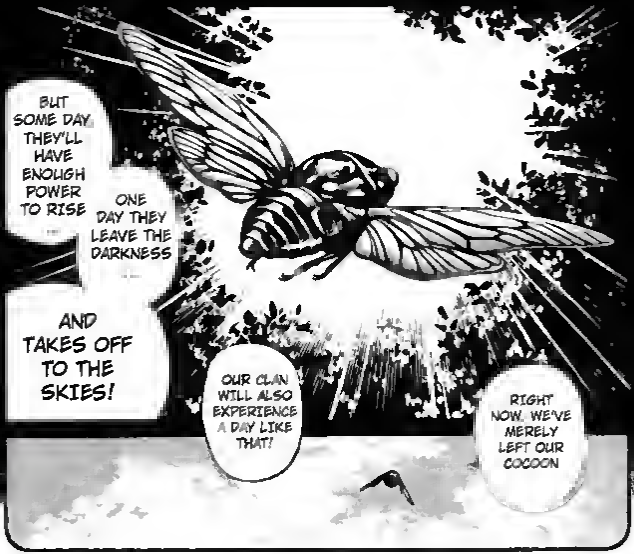
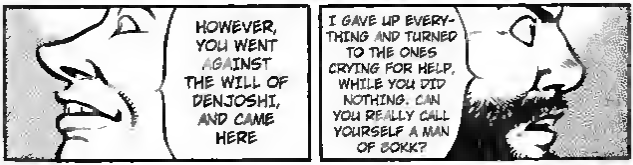
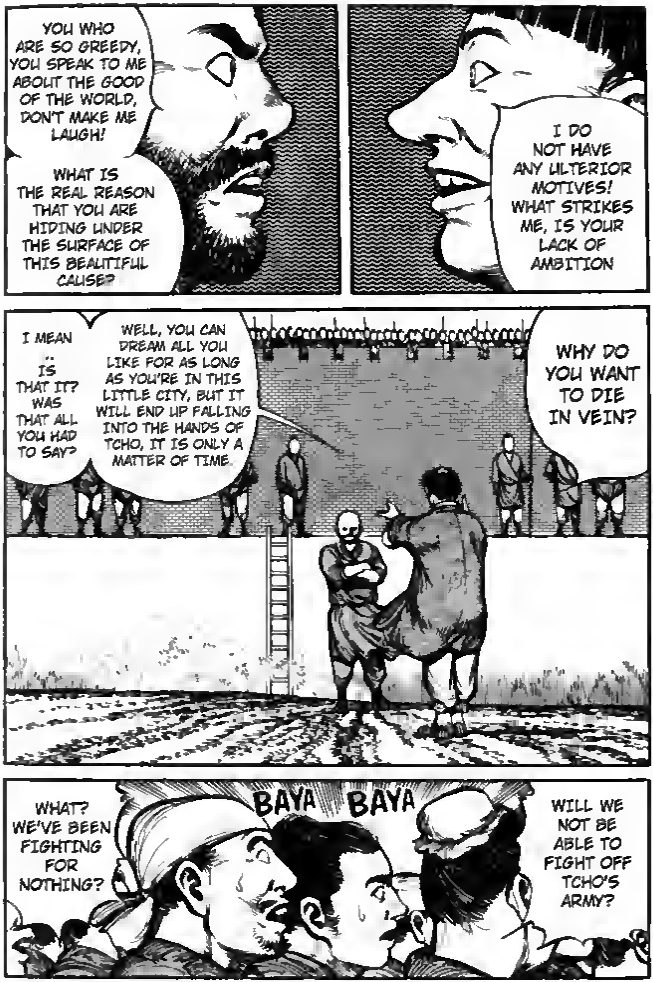
KAKURI, I WANT YOU TO TRAVEL TO SHIN AND PUT ALL YOUR ENERGY IN REINFORCING THEIR CASTLE

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CITY OF RYO? IT IS THREATENED BY THE COUNTRY OF TCHO AND NEEDS OUR ASSISTANCE!
OUR ALLIANCE WITH SHIN IS OF UNPARALLELED IMPORTANCE. WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO HELP A SMALL CITY
I COULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THAT YOU WOULD EVER DO SOMETHING THIS FOOLISH
HOW DARE YOU SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
HUMPF! YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SETSUHEI
KAKURI!
UNDER OUR FEET, HIDDEN DEEP UNDER THE GROUND LIVE THE CICADAS...
THEY REMAIN HIDDEN FOR A LONG TIME, FEEDING ON THE SAP OF THE TREE'S ROOTS IN ORDER TO STAY ALIVE


BUT SOME DAY THEY'LL HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO RISE
ONE DAY THEY LEAVE THE DARKNESS
AND TAKES OFF TO THE SKIES!
OUR CLAN WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE A DAY LIKE THAT!
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE MERELY LEFT OUR COCOON


HOWEVER, YOU WENT AGAINST THE WILL OF DENJOSHI, AND CAME HERE
I GAVE UP EVERYTHING AND TURNED TO THE ONES CRYING FOR HELP, WHILE YOU DID NOTHING. CAN YOU REALLY CALL YOURSELF A MAN OF BOKK?

KAKURI! EVERYONE DOESN'T SHARE YOUR IDEALS!
ACTUALLY, NOT A SINGLE MAN FROM BOKK FOLLOWED YOU
I DO NOT REGRET ANY-THING!
YOU MUST RETURN TO US. DENJOSHI WILL SURELY FORGIVE YOU!
IN THIS WORLD, EVERYONE MOVES ON. EVERYTHING CHANGES, AND THE CLAN OF BOKK HAS ALSO CHANGED. YOU CANNOT PREVENT IT!
IT IS YOU WHO MADE IT CHANGE!
I WANT TO EXTEND OUR INFLUENCE. IT IS FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD!


YOU WHO ARE SO GREEDY, YOU SPEAK TO ME ABOUT THE GOOD OF THE WORLD, DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
WHAT IS THE REAL REASON THAT YOU ARE HIDING UNDER THE SURFACE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CAUSE?
I DO NOT HAVE ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVES! WHAT STRIKES ME, IS YOUR LACK OF AMBITION
I MEAN .. IS THAT IT? WAS THAT ALL YOU HAD TO SAY?
WELL, YOU CAN DREAM ALL YOU LIKE FOR AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN THIS LITTLE CITY, BUT IT WILL END UP FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF TCHO, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DIE IN VEIN?
WHAT? WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR NOTHING?
BAYA
BAYA
WILL WE NOT BE ABLE TO FIGHT OFF TCHO'S ARMY?

YOU'VE SACRIFICED ENOUGH FOR THIS CITY, YOU SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED
NOW LET THESE PEOPLE EMBRACE THEIR OWN FATE
IT'S TIME TO RETURN TO OUR CLAN AND CHOOSE A MORE FITTING ROLE, AND A MORE SUITABLE SCENARIO
BY MANIPULATING DENJOSHI, YOU MAKE HIM BECOME AN ALLY OF SHIN. BUT WHAT IS YOUR TRUE GOAL?

OH KAKURI! DESPITE YOUR OUTSTANDING INTELLIGENCE, YOU NEVER REALLY FIT IN!
YOU DISTANCED YOURSELF FROM THE REST BECAUSE YOUR PERSONALITY IS TOO STRONG!
YOU CARRIED OUT YOUR TASKS, BUT YOU DID NOT RESPECT OUR CAUSE!
YOU STAYED AT THE BOTTOM
AND IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THAT, THAT YOU WOULD OPPOSE DENJOSHI!
LISTEN! GIVE UP ON THE CITY OF RYO AND COME WITH ME!
I WILL TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOUR SKILLS WONT BE WASTED!
YOUR SKILLS IN COMBAT AND MY POLITICAL SKILLS WILL MAKE US INVINCIBLE ONCE AGAIN!
I WILL MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE!

TELL ME!! WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT SO BADLY ?!?
I WILL BE BACK TOMORROW THEN I WILL TAKE YOUR ANSWER!
DZA DZA

PSHA
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MISTER KAKURI IS NOT THE KIND OF MAN WHO WOULD ABANDON US!
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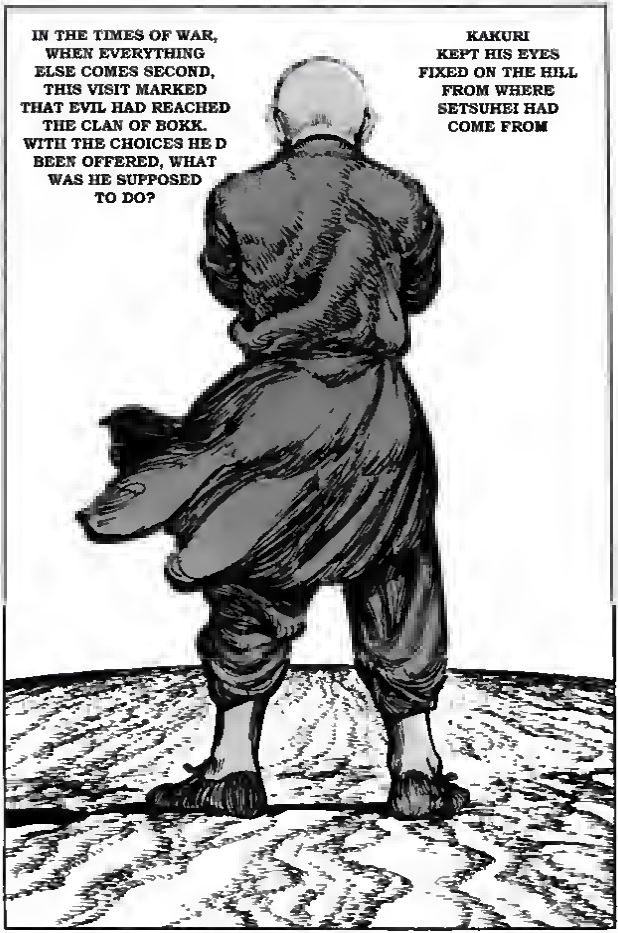
IN THE TIMES OF WAR, WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE COMES SECOND, THIS VISIT MARKED THAT EVIL HAD REACHED THE CLAN OF BOKK. WITH THE CHOICES HE D BEEN OFFERED, WHAT WAS HE SUPPOSED TO DO?
KAKURI KEPT HIS EYES FIXED ON THE HILL FROM WHERE SETSUHEI HAD COME FROM

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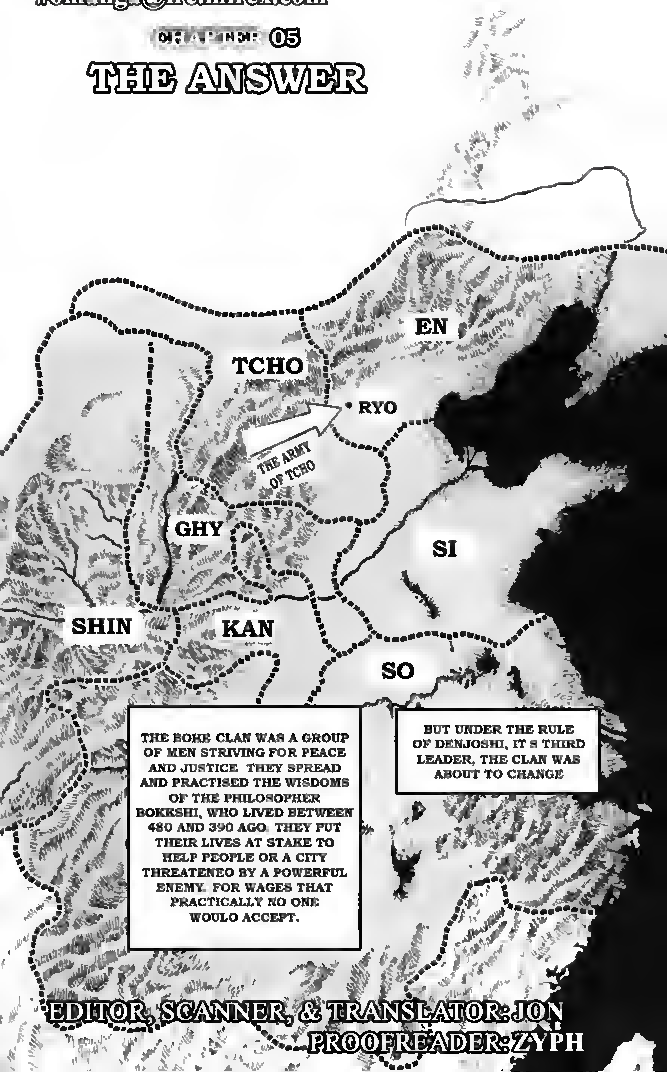
CHAPTER 05

# THE ANSWER


EN
TCHO
RYO
THE ARMY OF TCHO
GHY
SI
SHIN
KAN
SO
THE BOKE CLAN WAS A GROUP OF MEN STRIVING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE. THEY SPREAD AND PRACTISED THE WISDOMS OF THE PHILOSOPHER BOKKSHI, WHO LIVED BETWEEN 480 AND 390 AGO. THEY PUT THEIR LIVES AT STAKE TO HELP PEOPLE OR A CITY THREATENED BY A POWERFUL ENEMY. FOR WAGES THAT PRACTICALLY NO ONE WOULD ACCEPT.
BUT UNDER THE RULE OF DENJOSHI, IT S THIRD LEADER, THE CLAN WAS ABOUT TO CHANGE

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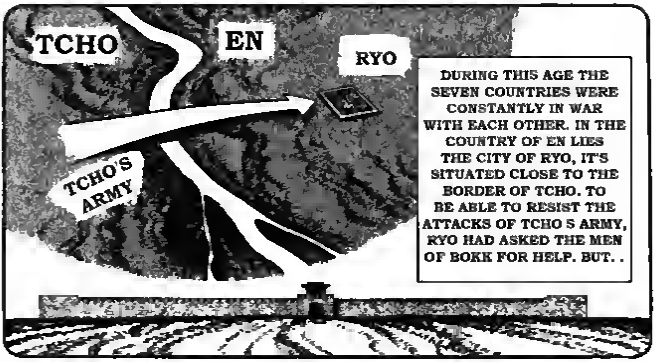
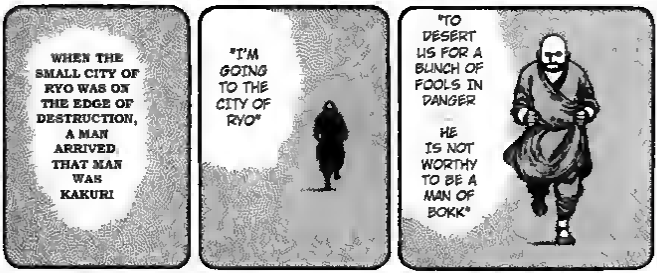
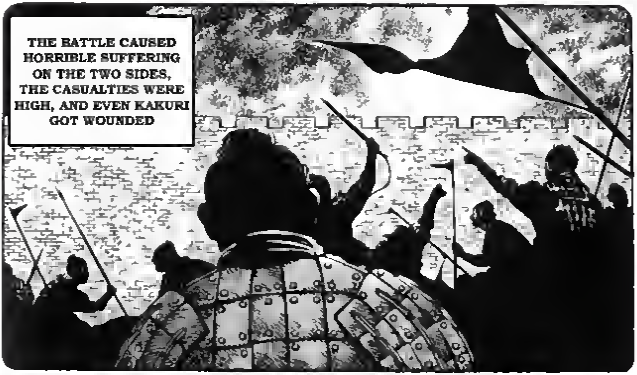
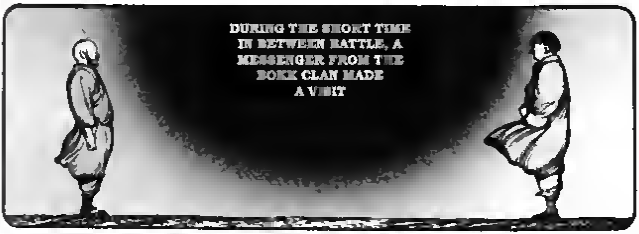

TCHO
EN
RYO
TCHO'S ARMY
DURING THIS AGE THE SEVEN COUNTRIES WERE CONSTANTLY IN WAR WITH EACH OTHER. IN THE COUNTRY OF EN LIES THE CITY OF RYO, IT'S SITUATED CLOSE TO THE BORDER OF TCHO. TO BE ABLE TO RESIST THE ATTACKS OF TCHO S ARMY, RYO HAD ASKED THE MEN OF BOKK FOR HELP. BUT. .

"THERE ARE TOO MANY COUNTRIES, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER. THEY WILL HAVE TO BE JOINED TOGETHER FIRST, BEFORE THEY CAN REIGN UNDER PEACE AND JUSTICE"
"THIS IS WHY I SOON WILL ALLY US WITH THE COUNTRY OF SHIN. THEN, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONQUER THE SIX OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE CLAN. THAT DOES NOT LEAVE US ANY TIME TO DEFEND SMALL CITIES"
DENJOSHI AND HIS RIGHT HAND MAN SETSUHEI


WHEN THE SMALL CITY OF RYO WAS ON THE EDGE OF DESTRUCTION, A MAN ARRIVED. THAT MAN WAS KAKURI
"I'M GOING TO THE CITY OF RYO"
"TO DESERT US FOR A BUNCH OF FOOLS IN DANGER
HE IS NOT WORTHY TO BE A MAN OF BOKK"


THE BATTLE CAUSED HORRIBLE SUFFERING ON THE TWO SIDES, THE CASUALTIES WERE HIGH, AND EVEN KAKURI GOT WOUNDED


DURING THE SHORT TIME IN BETWEEN BATTLE, A MESSENGER FROM THE BOKK CLAN MADE A VISIT

IT WAS SETSUHEI, THE RIGHT HAND MAN OF DENJOSHI
HE HAD MADE DERJOSHI ACCEPT THE NEW GOALS OF THE CLAN, BUT KAKURI WAS SUSPECTING THAT, UNDER THE COVER OF THE RIGHTEOUS CAUSE, SETSUHEI HAD OTHER PLANS

BY MANIPULATING DENJOSHI, YOU MAKE HIM ALLY WITH SHIN, BUT WHAT IS YOUR TRUE GOAL?
HI HI
OH KAKURI! DESPITE YOUR OUTSTANDING INTELLIGENCE, YOU NEVER REALLY FITTED IN!
YOU DISTANCED YOURSELF FROM THE REST OF THE CLAN BECAUSE YOUR PERSONALITY IS TOO STRONG!
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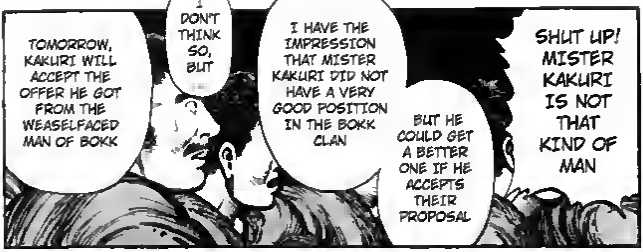
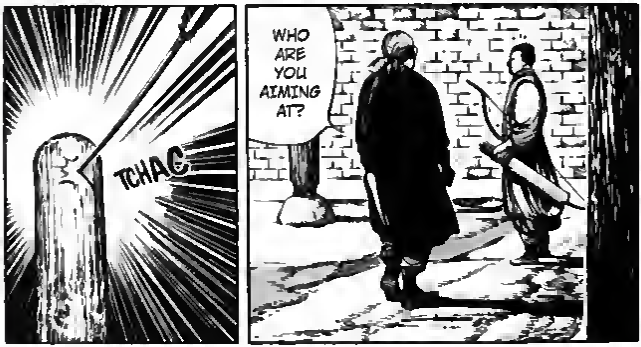
I WILL MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE!
TELL ME!! WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT SO BADLY?
I WILL RETURN TOMORROW TO RECIEVE AN ANSWER!

BUT WHAT WILL HE DO?
HE WENT INSIDE THE HUT ..
HE WILL KEEP UP THE WORK WITH REPAIRING THE WALL WHILE THINKING, THAT I'M SURE OF!


TOMORROW, KAKURI WILL ACCEPT THE OFFER HE GOT FROM THE WEASELFACED MAN OF BOKK
I DON'T THINK SO, BUT...
I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT MISTER KAKURI DID NOT HAVE A VERY GOOD POSITION IN THE BOKK CLAN
BUT HE COULD GET A BETTER ONE IF HE ACCEPTS THEIR PROPOSAL
SHUT UP! MISTER KAKURI IS NOT THAT KIND OF MAN

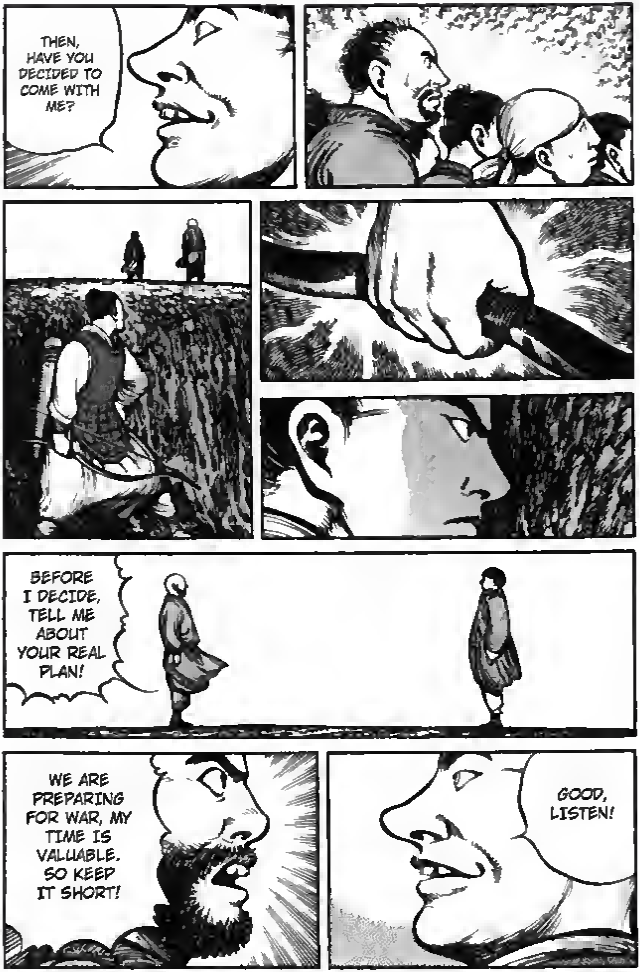
SHIOUUU


TCHAC
WHO ARE YOU AIMING AT?

KAKURI, NATURALLY!
BUT, HE HAS NOT DECIDED TO LEAVE YET!
THE BOKK CLAN GAVE UP ON US, AND SO WILL HE? ARE YOU SURE THAT THE MEN OF BOKK ARE ALL THE SAME?
WELL ... IF HE DECIDES TO LEAVE, IT WILL BE TREASON
I WONT FORGIVE HIM!
SHI:O:U
TCHAC

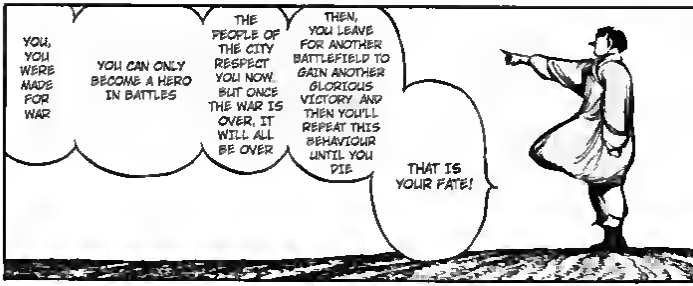
THE NEXT MORNING
PIOU PIOU
TOSK
M... MISTER KAKURI!
THE MAN FROM YESTERDAY HAS RETURNED
BAYA BAYA

HE MADE THE FIVE OTHERS WHO CAME WITH HIM STAY BEHIND, JUST LIKE HE DID YESTERDAY
DZA DZA
DZA DZA
SETSUKEI, THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!
GUI/ GUI/
EVEN IF HE RESISTS, DO NOT KILL HIM!
YES, SIR
DZA DZA
ZZAH


THEN, HAVE YOU DECIDED TO COME WITH ME?
BEFORE I DECIDE, TELL ME ABOUT YOUR REAL PLAN!
WE ARE PREPARING FOR WAR, MY TIME IS VALUABLE, SO KEEP IT SHORT!
GOOD, LISTEN!

AFTER WE'VE CONQUERED ALL SIX COUNTRIES ...
I WILL ASSASSINATE THE KING OF SHIN AND DENJOSHI, THEN I WILL RULE OVER EVERYONE
BAYA BAYA
WHAT ARE THEY SAYING ?
I CAN'T HEAR. THEIR VOICES ARE TOO LOW
?

AND YOU WANT ME TO ASSASSINATE THEM FOR YOU?
EXACTLY! YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO A CLEAN JOB AND LEAVE WITHOUT BEING NOTICED!
WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?
TO OVERCOME SIX COUNTRIES ... YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO IT IN FIVE YEARS, WHILE OTHERS WOULD DO IT IN TEN!
EH! YOU DISAGREE WITH ME!


YOU, YOU WERE MADE FOR WAR
YOU CAN ONLY BECOME A HERO IN BATTLES
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY RESPECT YOU NOW. BUT ONCE THE WAR IS OVER, IT WILL ALL BE OVER
THEN, YOU LEAVE FOR ANOTHER BATTLEFIELD TO GAIN ANOTHER GLORIOUS VICTORY AND THEN YOU'LL REPEAT THIS BEHAVIOUR UNTIL YOU DIE
THAT IS YOUR FATE!

I, HOWEVER, OFFER YOU THE CHANCE TO ENGRAVE YOUR NAME IN HISTORY!

A CHANCE TO MAKE KINGS KNEEL BEFORE YOU!!

SSS
DZAH
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO DISGRACE THE NAME OF BOKK LIKE THIS! NOW YOU WILL DIE!

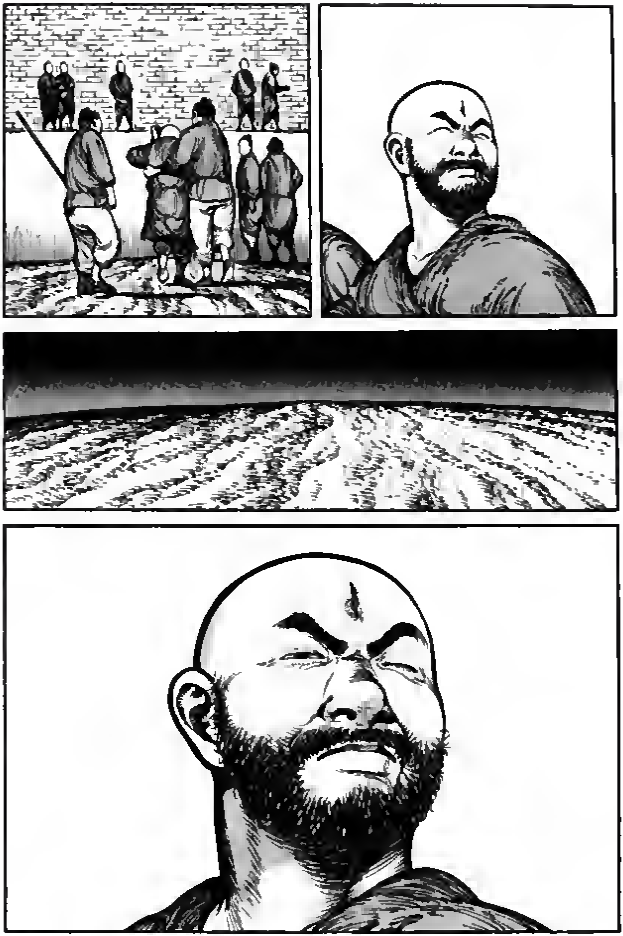
SSSSAAH
TSSS
POC

TCHUK
PAF
PAF
DAMN, ASH!
KIK
CLAC
HUARGH !!!
TCHOC

OH! MISTER KAKURI!
WAH
TA TA TA
TA TA TA TA
THAT BASTARD! HE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE !!!
HE MUST HAVE DUG A HOLE DURING THE NIGHT
BASTARD! FUCKING WEASELFACE! WE WILL SKIN YOU ALIVE
WAIT!!! THEY ARE TOO STRONG FOR YOU!
THEY ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY
A MAN OF BOKK HAS BEEN CORRUPTED ...
ONE DAY, HE'LL BE MINE!

POOR RETARD WHO CANNOT ADJUST HIMSELF TO THE NEW TIMES

HEH, I WONT GIVE UP!
YOU WILL SEE, I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN!
HEH



KAKURI HAD TOO MUCH PRIDE TO TAKE THE FOOD HE WAS GIVEN
HE WASN'T ABLE TO PURSUE SETSUHEI, AND IT MADE HIS BLOOD BOIL WITH RAGE

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CHAPTER 06

# THE DRAGON UNDER THE GROUND

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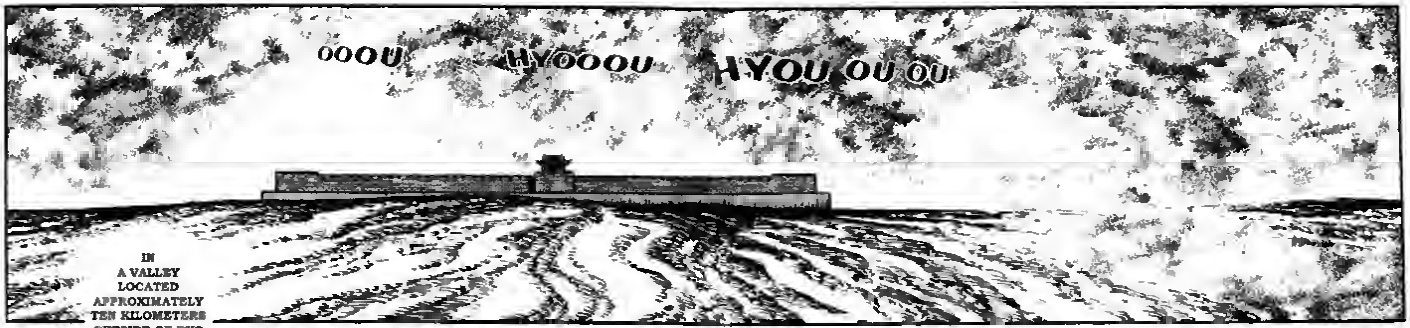
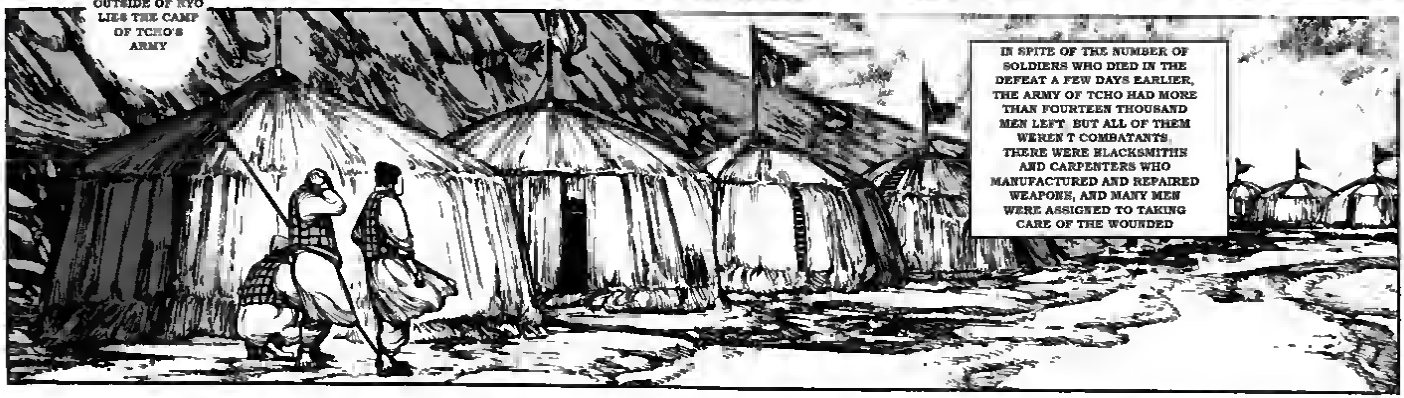
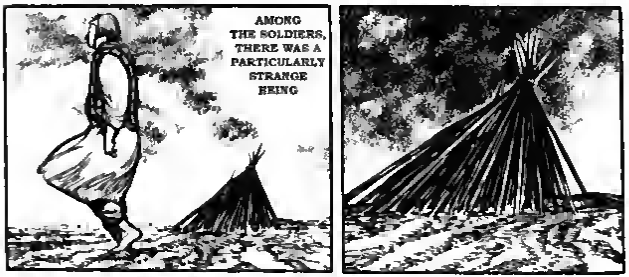
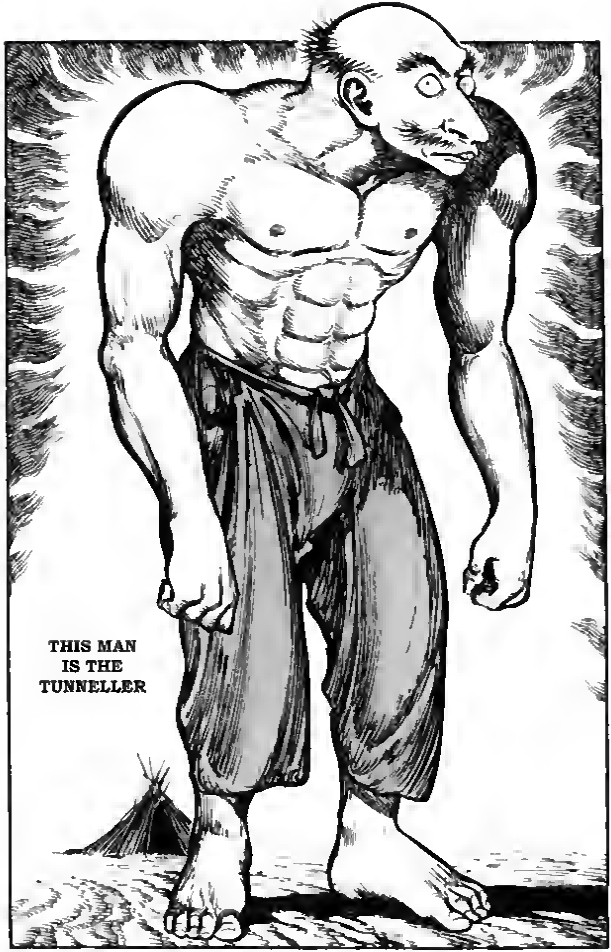

OOOU
HYOOOU
HYOU OU OU
IN A VALLEY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF NYO LIES THE CAMP OF TCHO'S ARMY


IN SPITE OF THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN THE DEFEAT A FEW DAYS EARLIER, THE ARMY OF TCHO HAD MORE THAN FOURTEEN THOUSAND MEN LEFT. BUT ALL OF THEM WEREN'T COMBATANTS. THERE WERE BLACKSMITHS AND CARPENTERS WHO MANUFACTURED AND REPAIRED WEAPONS, AND MANY MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO TAKING CARE OF THE WOUNDED


AMONG THE SOLDIERS, THERE WAS A PARTICULARLY STRANGE BEING

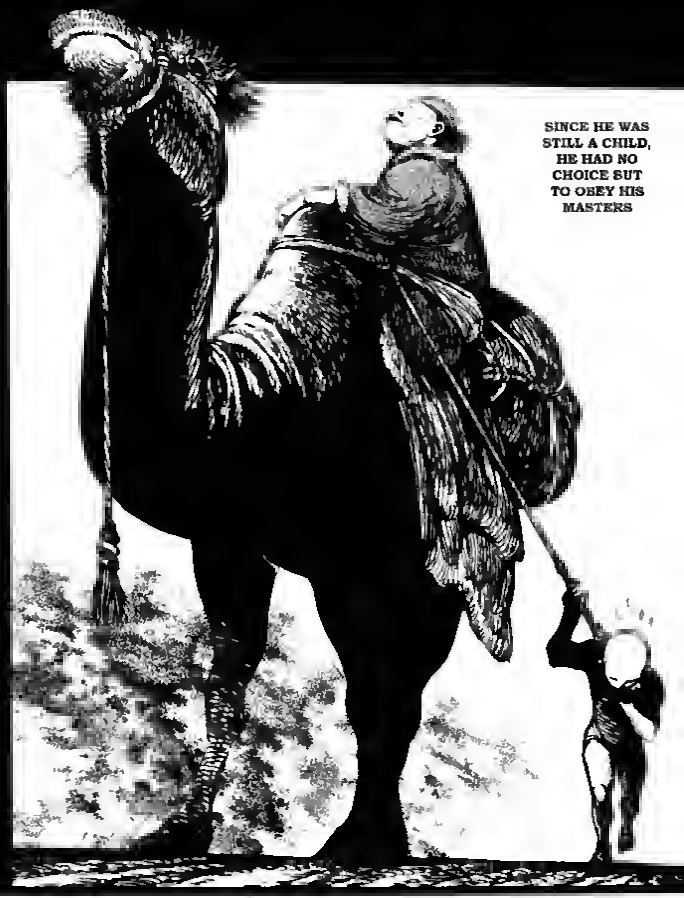
HON


THIS MAN
IS THE
TUNNELLER

GRNYA
GRNYA
GOUIC
FLP
SINCE HIS BIRTH,
HIS LIFE HAD BEEN
A LIVING HELL

HE NEVER GOT TO KNOW HIS PARENTS

WHEN HE BECAME AWARE OF THINGS, HE WAS ALREADY BEING USED AS AN ATTRACTION AT A FREAKSHOW



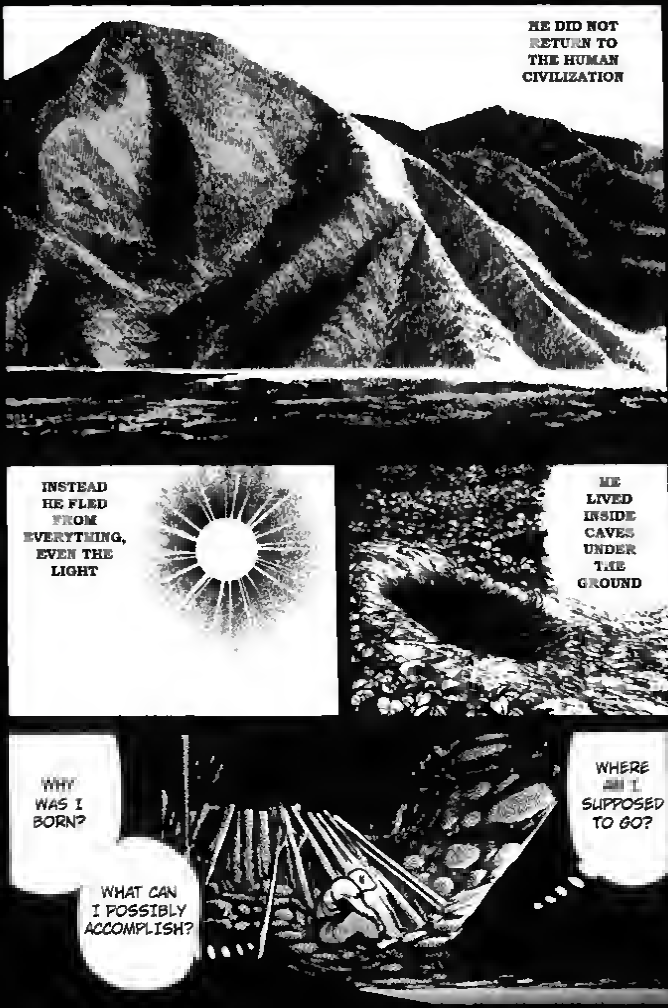
SINCE HE WAS STILL A CHILD, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY HIS MASTERS

SO HE TRAVELLED FROM ONE VILLAGE TO THE NEXT

SINCE HE LIVED SIDE BY SIDE WITH HUMANS, HE EVENTUALLY LEARNED TO SPEAK
AND THUS HE BEGAN TO THINK

ONE DAY, THE ANGER OF NEVER BEING RESCUED BY ANYONE TOOK CONTROL OF HIM

THIS DAY,
HE REALIZED
THAT HE POSSESSED
EXTRAORDINARY
STRENGTH
I AM FREE
I AM FREE
I AM FREE!


HE DID NOT RETURN TO THE HUMAN CIVILIZATION
INSTEAD HE FLED FROM EVERYTHING, EVEN THE LIGHT
HE LIVED INSIDE CAVES UNDER THE GROUND
WHY WAS I BORN?
WHAT CAN I POSSIBLY ACCOMPLISH?
WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GO?

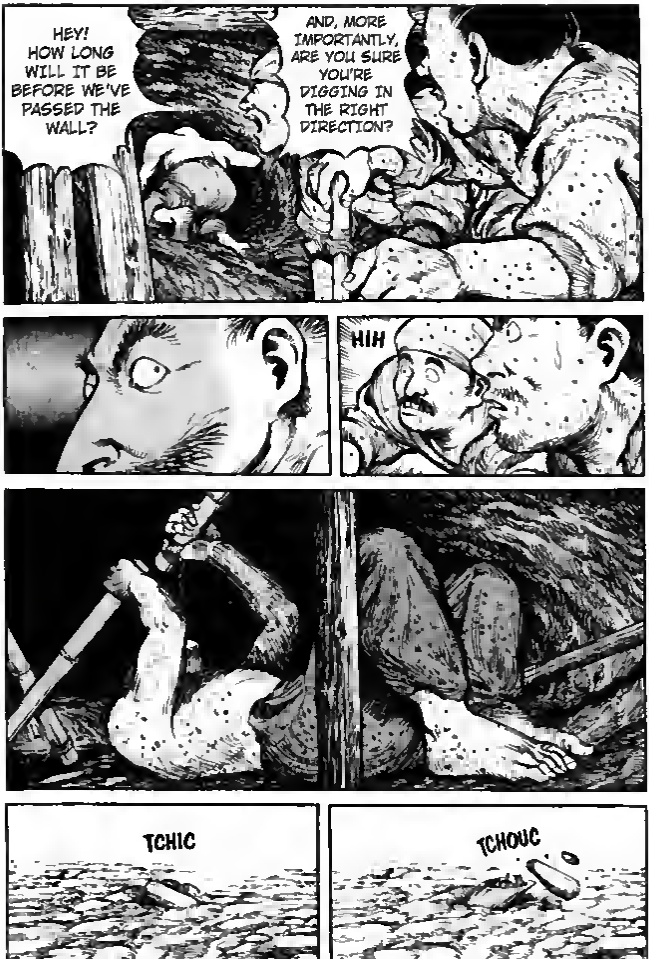
ONE DAY, AFTER ENTERING A CAVE IN A MOUNTAIN,
AND THERE WAS ...

ACTUALLY IT WAS BUT A FOSSIL OF A DINOSAUR, YET IT WOULD BE NORMAL FOR A CHINESE MAN THAT LIVED DURING THIS TIME TO BELEIVE THAT IT WAS A DRAGON SINCE DRAGONS ARE COMMON MYTHICAL ANIMALS HERE

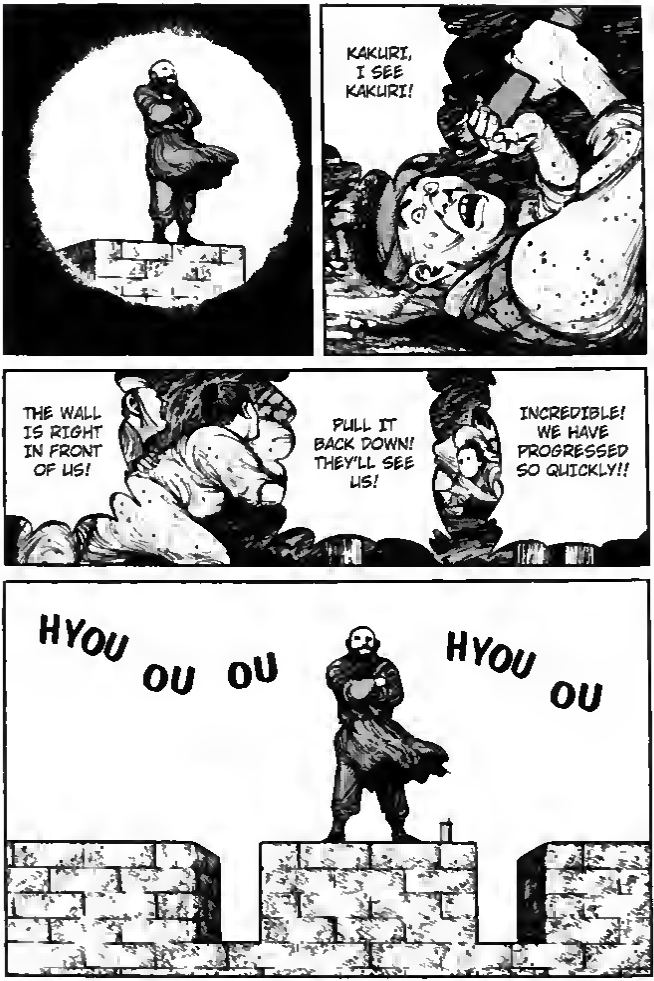
THIS TUNNEL, IT'S ADVANCING AS PLANNED, IS IT APPROACHING THE WALL OF THE CITY YET?
KOENTCHU GENERAL OF TCHO'S ARMY
HYOU
OU OU
HIH
WHERE DID THE GENERAL FIND THAT ZEBRA?
I DON'T KNOW ..
HE IS VERY USEFUL FOR ATTACKING A TOWN SURROUNDED WITH WALLS,
BUT THE GENERAL DID NOT PUT HIM IN ANY UNIT, SINCE HE DIDN'T THINK WE'D ACCEPT HIM
H.YOU-OU-OU
H.YOU-OU-OU

NOW THERE WAS THREE POSSIBLE TACTICS TO TAKE A CITY LIKE KYO:
1) TO CLIMB THE WALLS
2) TO MAKE A BREACH IN THE WALL
3) OR TO PASS UNDER THEM.
THIS LAST TECHNIQUE WAS CALLED "THE TACTIC OF THE HOLE". BASICALLY YOU DUG A TUNNEL UNDER THE WALLS OF THE ENEMY.

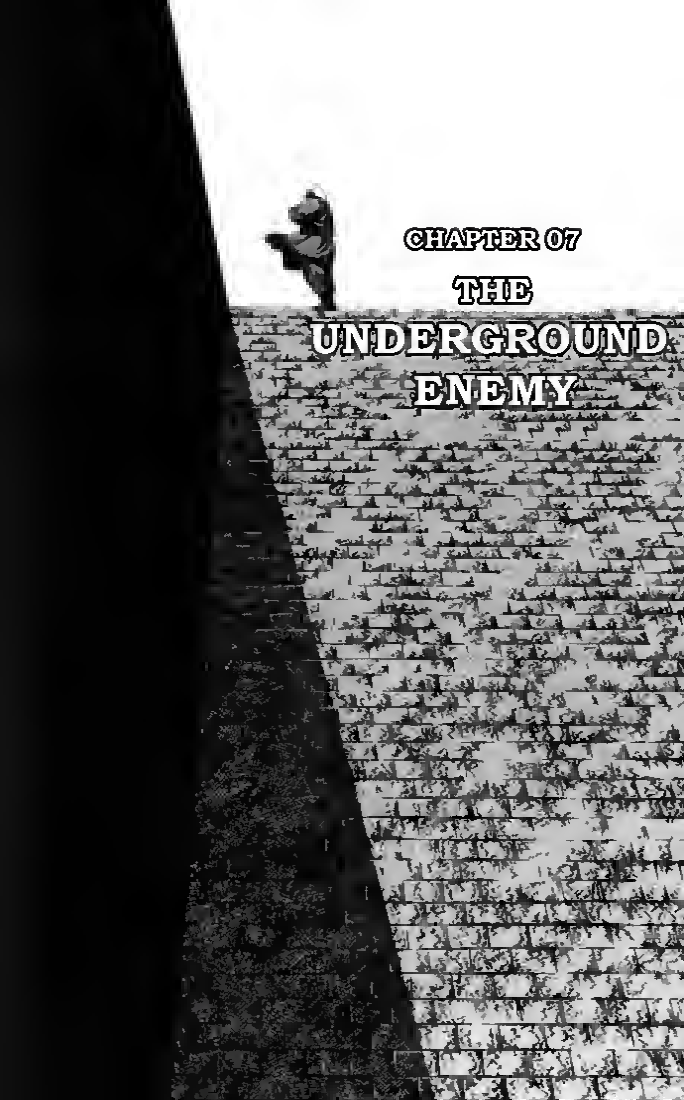
THE ABILITIES OF THE TUNNEL DIGGERS DURING THIS AGE DEFIES OUR IMAGINATION. TO TAKE THE ENEMY BY SURPRISE YOU HAVE TO START DIGGING THE TUNNEL SOMEWHERE FURTHER AWAY THAN THE HORIZON, AND YOU HAD TO DIG IT SO LONG THAT IT PASSED UNDER THE WALLS, WITHOUT BEING DETECTED


HEY! HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE WE'VE PASSED THE WALL?
AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE DIGGING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?
HIH
TCHIC
TCHOUC

TCHOUC
GO ON, TAKE A LOOK
?
OH!!


KAKURI, I SEE KAKURI!
THE WALL IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US!
PULL IT BACK DOWN! THEY'LL SEE US!
INCREDIBLE! WE HAVE PROGRESSED SO QUICKLY!!
HYOU OU OU
HYOU OU

ON HIS SIDE, KAKURI PREPARED FOR AN UNDERGROUND ATTACK
BUT THE DRAGON WAS ADVANCING AT A SPEED THAT EVEN KAKURI COULDN'T IMAGINE
ALTHOUGH HIS EYES HAD WITNESSED HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT BATTLE TECHNIQUES, KAKURI'S EYES KEPT FOCUSING AT DISTANT POINTS ONLY

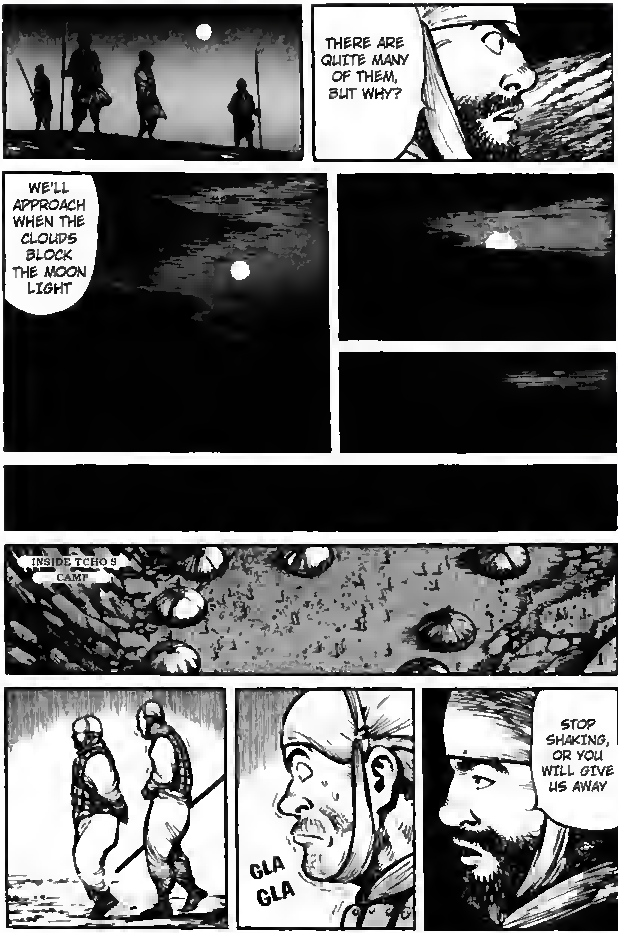

CHAPTER 07
THE
UNDERGROUND
ENEMY

INSIDE THE CITY
TCHOC
TCHOC
DZA
DZA
MISTER KAKURI, THE WORK IS ADVANCING QUITE WELL, HUH?

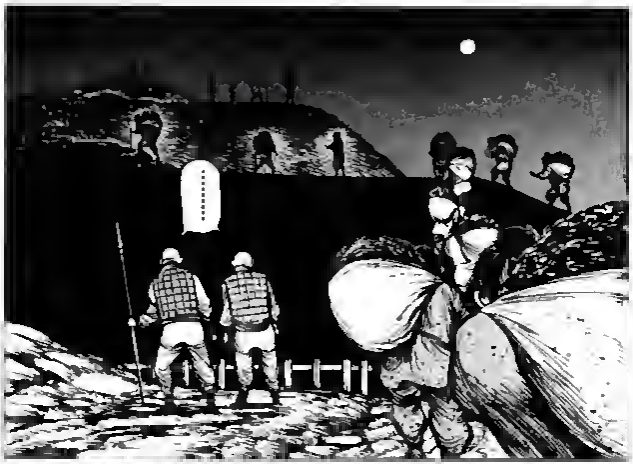
NO, OVER HALF OF THE WORK IS LEFT
.....
TELL ME, HOW ARE THEY GOIG TO ATTACK US NEXT?
AN UNDER-GROUND ATTACK
TCHO'S SOLDIERS ARE DIGGING A TUNNEL, THAT IS HOW THEY WILL TRY TO ENTER THE CITY
BENEATH THE GROUND?
WELL, THERE SURE IS NO SIGN OF THEM HERE!
IT'S USELESS TRYING TO FIND THEM.
IN ORDER TO GET PAST THE WALLS WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED, THEY WILL START DIGGING OUTSIDE OUR FIELD OF VIEW

THEY'LL PROBABLY DIG IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM THEIR CAMP, ALL THE WAY PAST THE SOUTHERN WALL
THAT'S A LONG WAY ...
I THINK THAT IT WILL TAKE QUITE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY'LL REACH THE WALL, BUT...
.....
SAIKYU, BRING ME TWO OF THE ARMOURS WE RECOVERED FROM THE DEAD SOLDIERS OF TCHO
EH?
ONE FOR ME, THE OTHER ONE FOR YOU
HUH?

TONIGHT WE'LL HAVE TO GO TO THEIR CAMP AND FIND OUT HOW FAR THEY'VE COME
GUARDS!


THERE ARE QUITE MANY OF THEM, BUT WHY?
WE'LL APPROACH WHEN THE CLOUDS BLOCK THE MOON LIGHT
INSIDE TCHO'S CAMP
GLA GLA
STOP SHAKING, OR YOU WILL GIVE US AWAY

IT'S JUST
I CAN'T STOP SHAKING WHEN I THINK ABOUT US BEING RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR ENEMIES' CAMP
LOOK, OVER THERE, THEY ARE TRANSPORTING BAGS FULL OF DIRT
I REALLY NEED TO SEE WHERE THEY DUMP IT
I COULD PROBABLY ESTIMATE HOW FAR THEY HAVE COME IF I COULD SEE HOW MUCH SOIL THEY'VE DUG THROUGH
!!

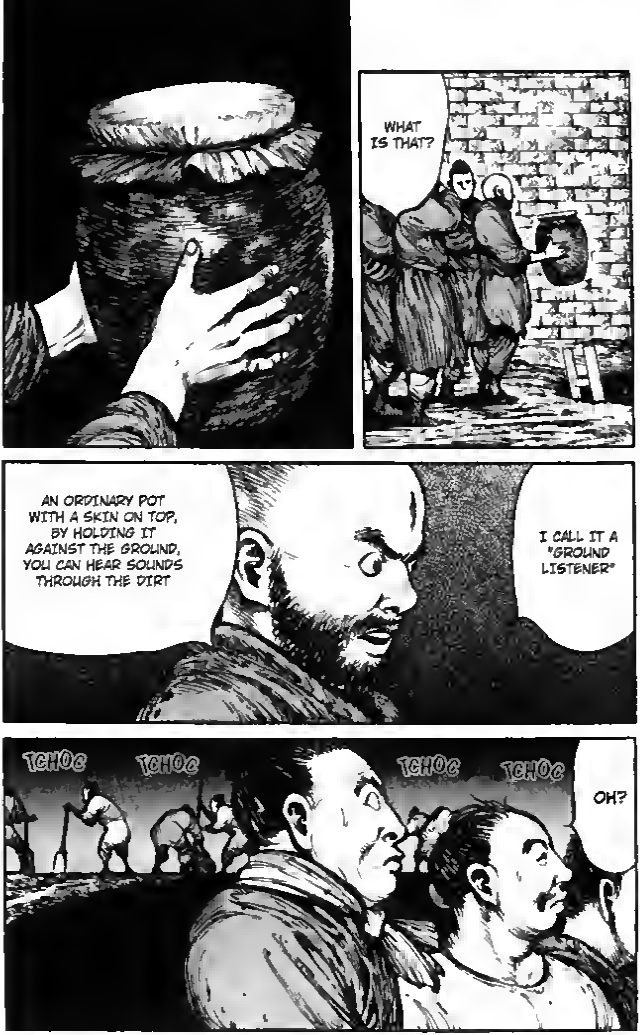

.....

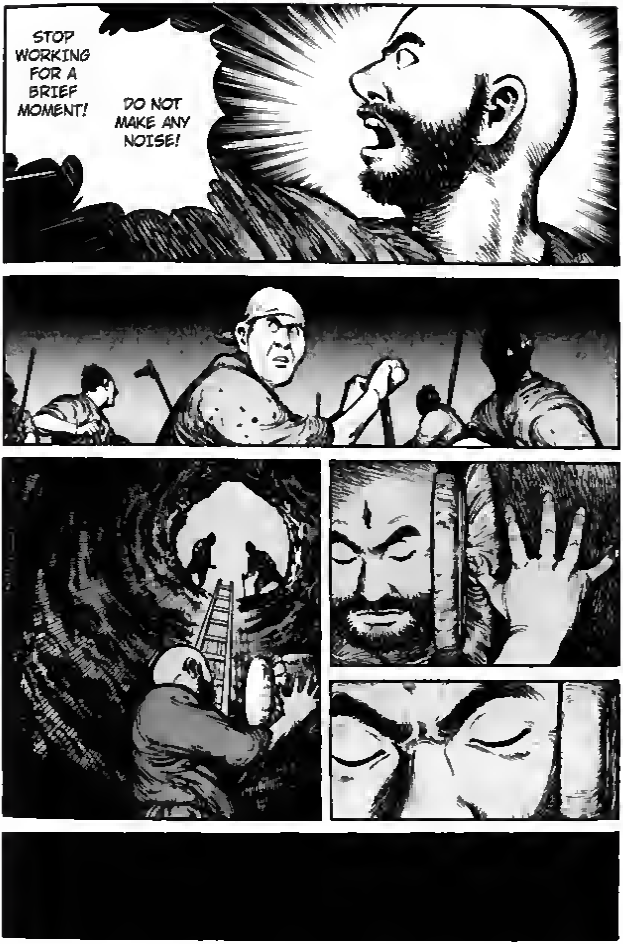
INCREDIBLE
SUCH A LARGE PILE IN SO LITTLE TIME

THAT MUST BE THE REASON FOR THE TIGHT SECURITY AROUND HERE

SAIKYU, LET US RETURN!

WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED ...
.....
HEY YOU! DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!!
AH, WAIT UP!
THOSE GUYS ... ARE THEY REALLY FROM OUR CAMP?
THE CITY


WHAT IS THAT?
AN ORDINARY POT WITH A SKIN ON TOP, BY HOLDING IT AGAINST THE GROUND, YOU CAN HEAR SOUNDS THROUGH THE DIRT
I CALL IT A "GROUND LISTENER"
TCHOC
TCHOC
TCHOC
TCHOC
OH?

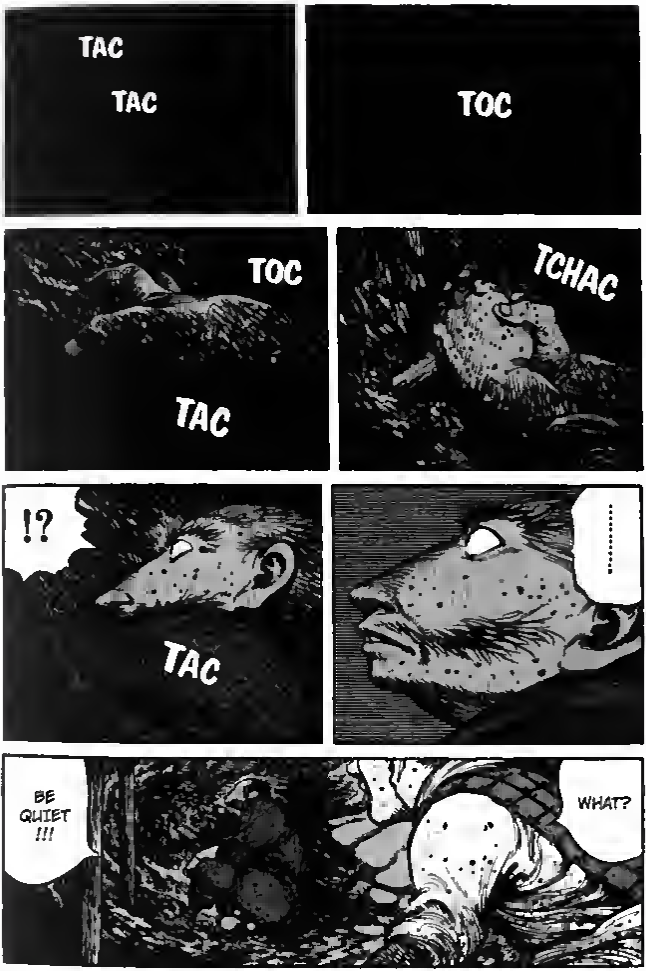

STOP WORKING FOR A BRIEF MOMENT!
DO NOT MAKE ANY NOISE!

TOUM

TOUM

TAC

TOUM


TAC
TAC
TOC
TOC
TAC
TCHAC
!?
TAC
.....
BE QUIET !!!
WHAT?

I DEMAND SILENCE!

BE QUIET!

BE QUIET!
BE QUIET!
BE QUIET!

WHAT IS IT?
ERH, IT'S ...

THIS SUDDEN SILENCE

HAVE THEY LOCATED US?

?

SHIT!!
START WORKING!
QUICKLY!
START WORKING!
TCHOC
TCHOC
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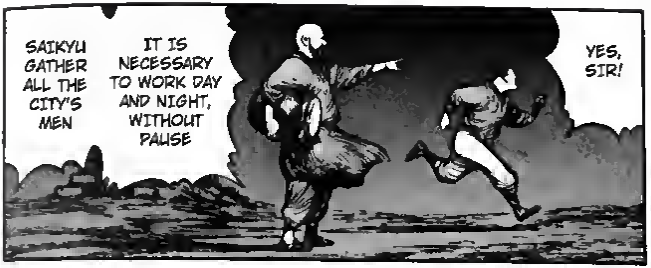
TCHOC
TCHOC
TCHOC
AM I JUST IMAGINING THINGS?

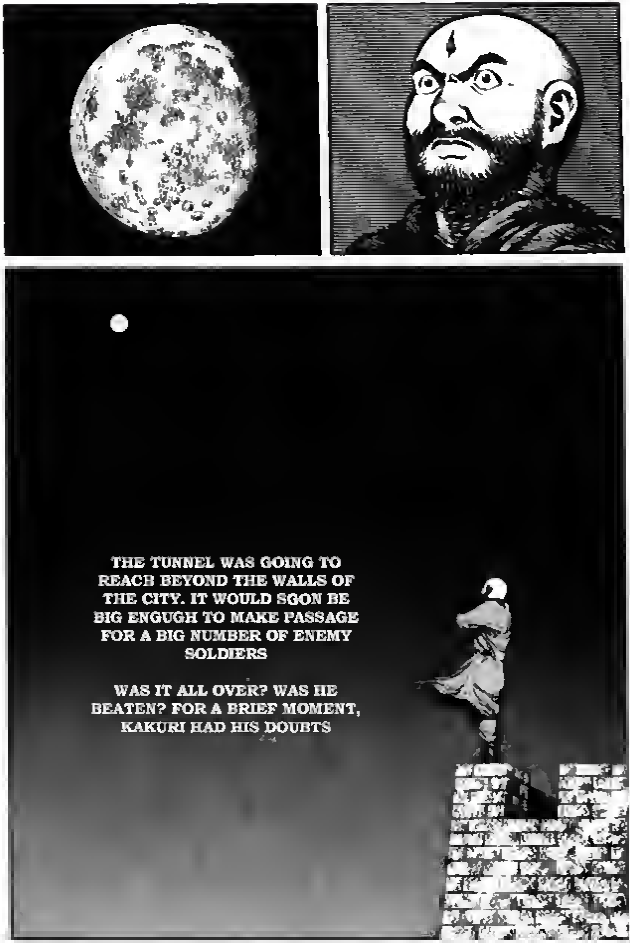

SAIKYU GATHER ALL THE CITY'S MEN
IT IS NECESSARY TO WORK DAY AND NIGHT, WITHOUT PAUSE
YES, SIR!

IN TCHO'S CAMP

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT TWO SUSPICIOUS LOOKING PERSONS HAVE BEEN SEEN NEAR THE PILES

SIGH!!

EVEN IF KAKURI'S FOUND OUT ABOUT OUR PLAN, IT IS STILL TOO LATE
THE TUNNEL HAS ALREADY REACHED THE WALL


THE TUNNEL WAS GOING TO REACH BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CITY. IT WOULD SOON BE BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE PASSAGE FOR A BIG NUMBER OF ENEMY SOLDIERS
WAS IT ALL OVER? WAS HE BEATEN? FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, KAKURI HAD HIS DOUBTS

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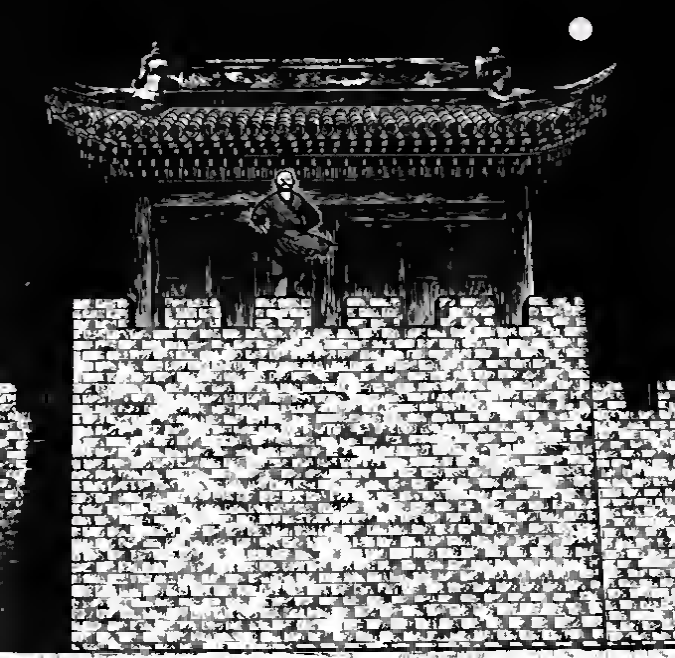

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# CHAPTER 08
# UNDER THE FULL MOON

CITY OF RYO
THE CAMP OF THCO'S ARMY
THE TUNNEL

TCHO'S TUNNEL HAS ALREADY REACHED THE EASTERN WALL OF THE CITY
WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS, THEY WILL ARRIVE IN GREAT NUMBERS, AND INITIATE AN INVASION

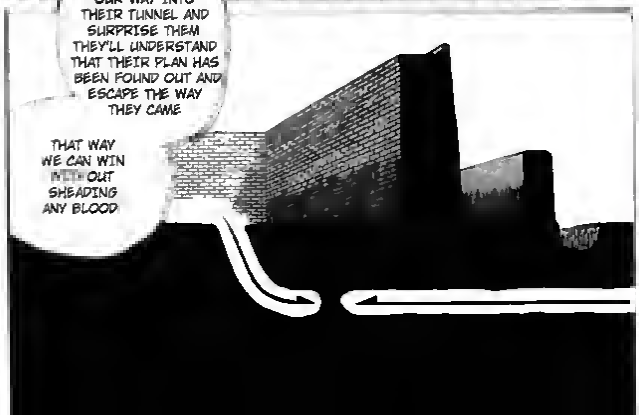
FROM NOW ON, I WANT TO SEE BURNING LIGHTS IN EVERY HOUSE DURING THE NIGHT
KEEP THEM CONFINED TO THE TUNNEL, DON'T LET THEM GET OUT INTO THE CITY

HAN
HAN

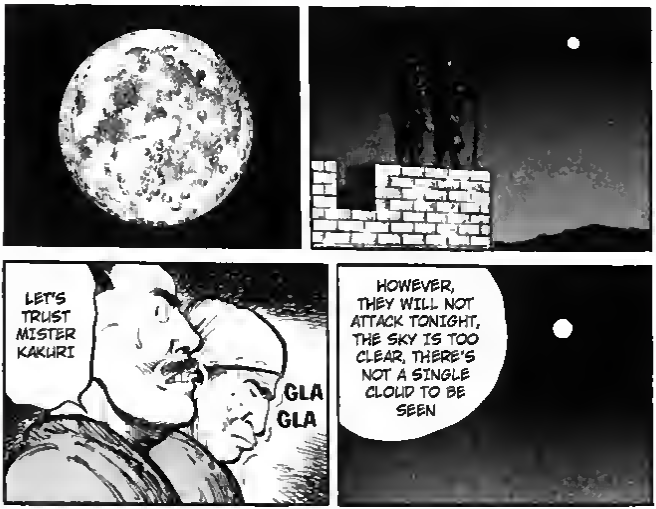
DON'T LET THE ENEMY OUT! DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

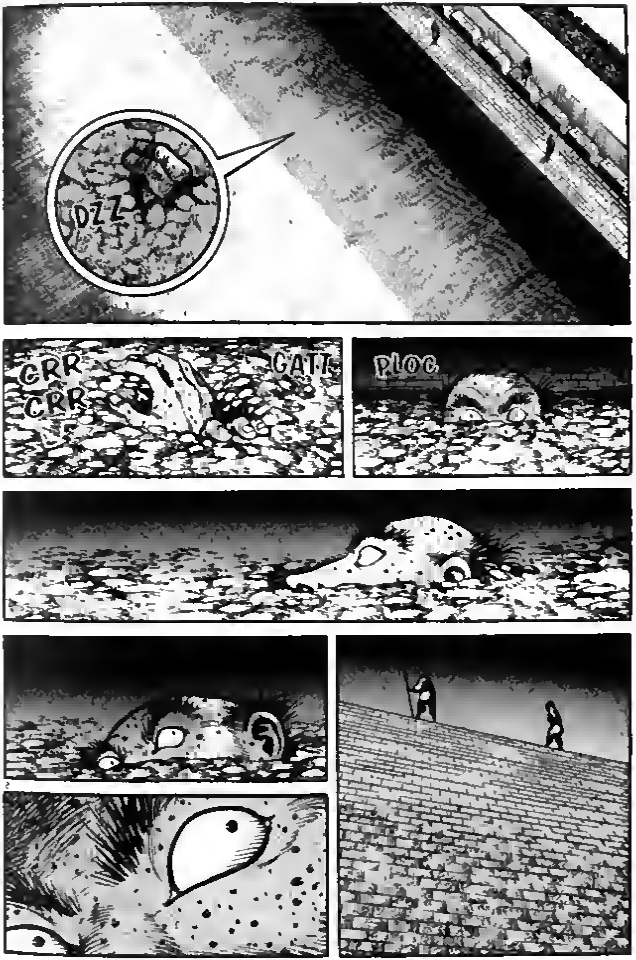
BUT, IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO TAKE THIS RISK?

RYOTEKI IS RIGHT.
IF YOU, BY USING YOUR *GROUND LISTENER, UNDERSTOOD WHERE THEIR TUNNEL ENDS,


THEN WE COULD DIG OUR WAY INTO THEIR TUNNEL AND SURPRISE THEM THEY'LL UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR PLAN HAS BEEN FOUND OUT AND ESCAPE THE WAY THEY CAME
THAT WAY WE CAN WIN WITHOUT SHEADING ANY BLOOD

BUT WE WOULD NOT GAIN ANYTHING!
WHO WILL WIN AND WHO WILL LOSE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF DEATHS!
SEE THIS AS A CHANCE TO EVEN OUT THE ODDS!


LET'S TRUST MISTER KAKUHRI
GLA GLA
HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT ATTACK TONIGHT, THE SKY IS TOO CLEAR, THERE'S NOT A SINGLE CLOUD TO BE SEEN


DZZ
CRR
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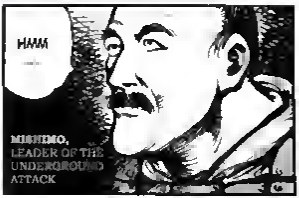
CATI
PLOC

THE [illegible] ON THE SOUTHERN WALL ARE ALL LOOKING FOR ENEMIES OUTSIDE THE GATES


HMM
MISHIMO, LEADER OF THE UNDERGROUND ATTACK

ARE WE GOING UP TO THE SURFACE NOW?
ARE WE GOING?

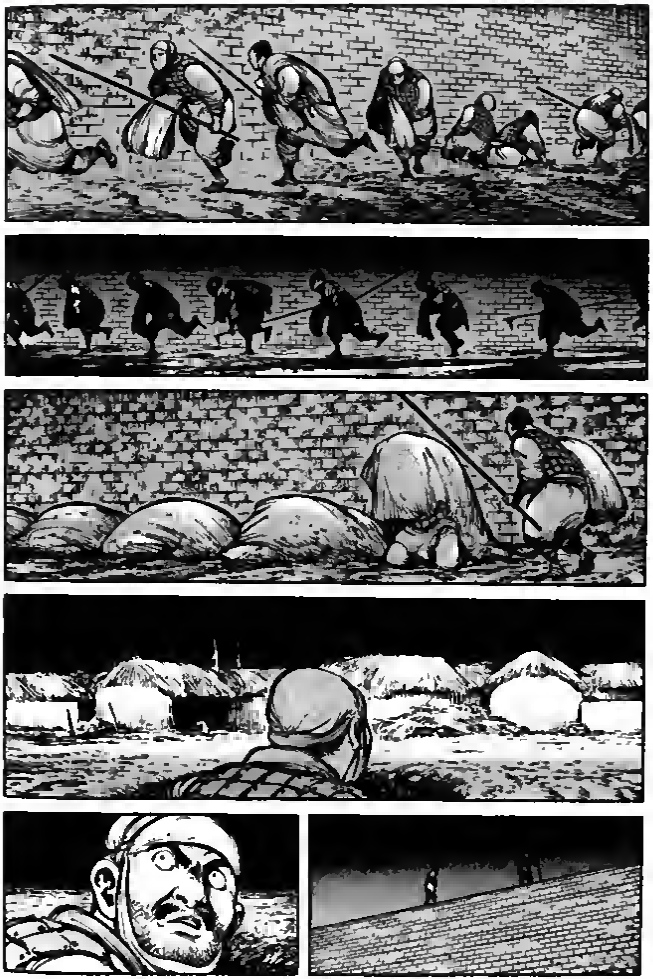
. . . .

WAIT, I WILL TAKE A LOOK

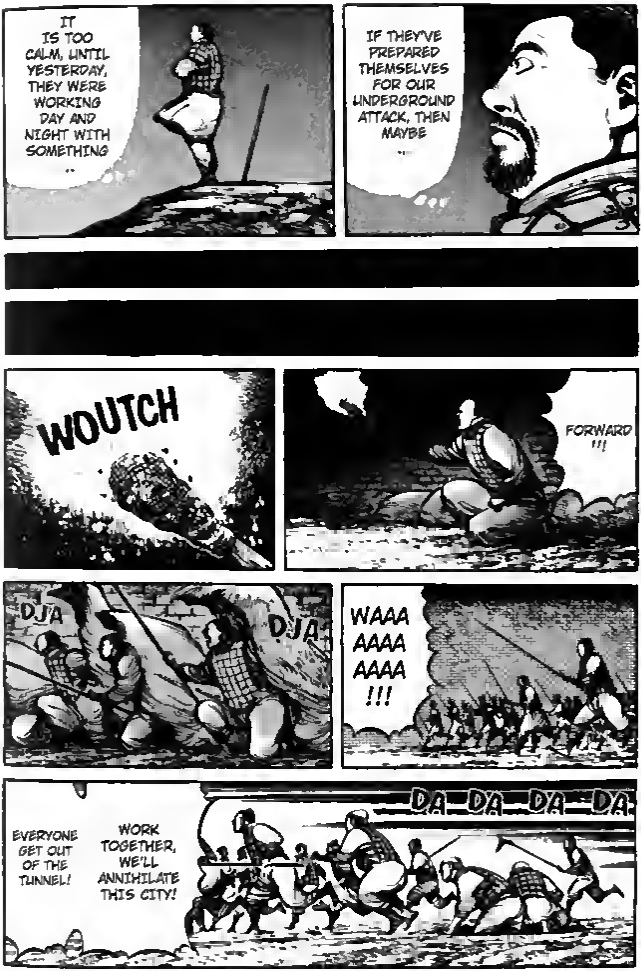
ONCE THEY'VE ENTERED THE CITY, THEY WILL OPEN UP THE GATES, AND THEN, YOU WILL FORCE YOURSELVES INSIDE THE CITY!
IN THE CAMP OF TCHO'S ARMY

HOW MANY MEN ARE INSIDE THE TUNNEL?
FIVE HUN-DRED
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS PROCEEDING A LITTLE BIT TOO SMOOTHLY ?
A MAN SUCH AS KAKURI WOULD SURELY UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE DIGGING A TUNNEL
FROM HERE, WE CANNOT SEE FOR OURSELVES
MISHIMO IS A CAREFUL MAN, TRUST HIS JUDGEMENT

AHA
AHA
AHA
AHA
AHA
BRR
HALT!
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF AIR, I'M GETTING DIZZY!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER, WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE
.....
CHIEF, THE MEN CANNOT WAIT MUCH LONGER!
OK, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR, TAKE A LOOK ARROUND FIRST, AND THEN ASSUME YOUR POSITIONS ALONG THE WALL

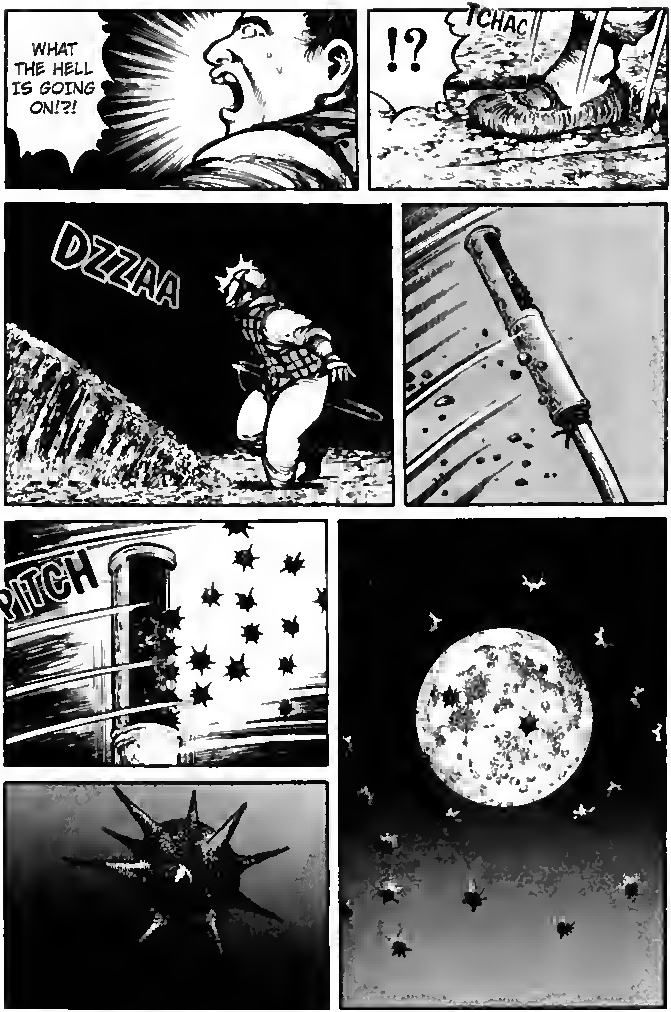


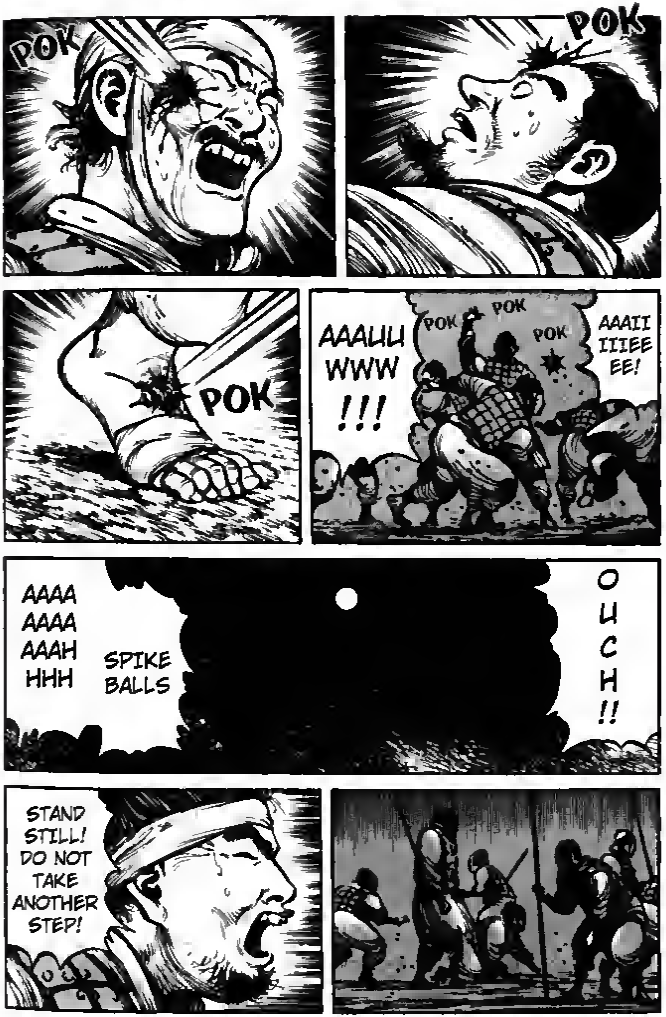
EVERYTHING IS WORKING OUT WELL. THEY'VE SHOWN NO SIGN OF SUSPICION.
HM!
THIS EVEN EXCEEDS KOENTCHU'S EXPECTATIONS. KAKURI SUSPECTED NOTHING!
DAMN, THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM!
SHUT UP! BE QUIET!
LIKE KAKURI SAID, ACT AS IF YOU WERE A STATUE

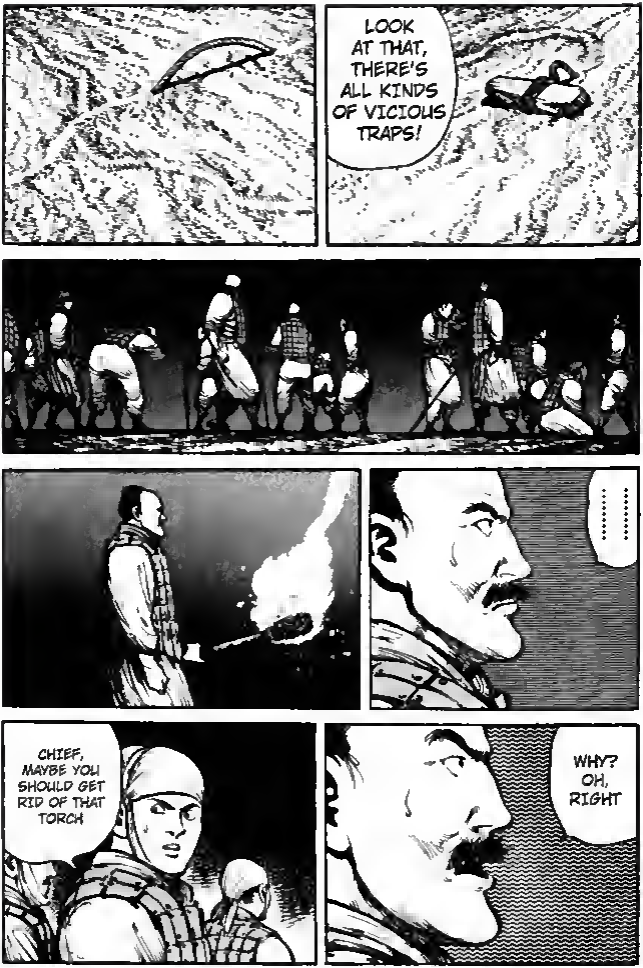

IT IS TOO CALM. UNTIL YESTERDAY, THEY WERE WORKING DAY AND NIGHT WITH SOMETHING ..
IF THEY'VE PREPARED THEMSELVES FOR OUR UNDERGROUND ATTACK, THEN MAYBE ...
WOUTCH
FORWARD !!!
DJA
DJA
WAAA AAAA AAAA !!!
EVERYONE GET OUT OF THE TUNNEL!
WORK TOGETHER, WE'LL ANNIHILATE THIS CITY!
DA DA DA DA

DA DA DA DA
RRROO OOOAA AAAARR RRHH!
GO AHEAD, MASSACRE ALL YOU LIKE
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE TREASURES AND THE WOMEN
WUUA AAAAH !!!
!?
TCHAC
PSCHII!

HUK
PITCH
PITCH
AAR RGH !!!
WHAT THE FUCK ?!?


WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON!?!
!?
TCHAC
DZZAA
PITCH


POK
POK
POK
AAALILI WWW !!!
POK
POK
POK
AAAII IIIEE EE!
AAAA AAAA AAAH HHH
SPIKE BALLS
OUCH!!
STAND STILL! DO NOT TAKE ANOTHER STEP!


LOOK AT THAT, THERE'S ALL KINDS OF VICIOUS TRAPS!
.....
CHIEF, MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET RID OF THAT TORCH
WHY? OH, RIGHT

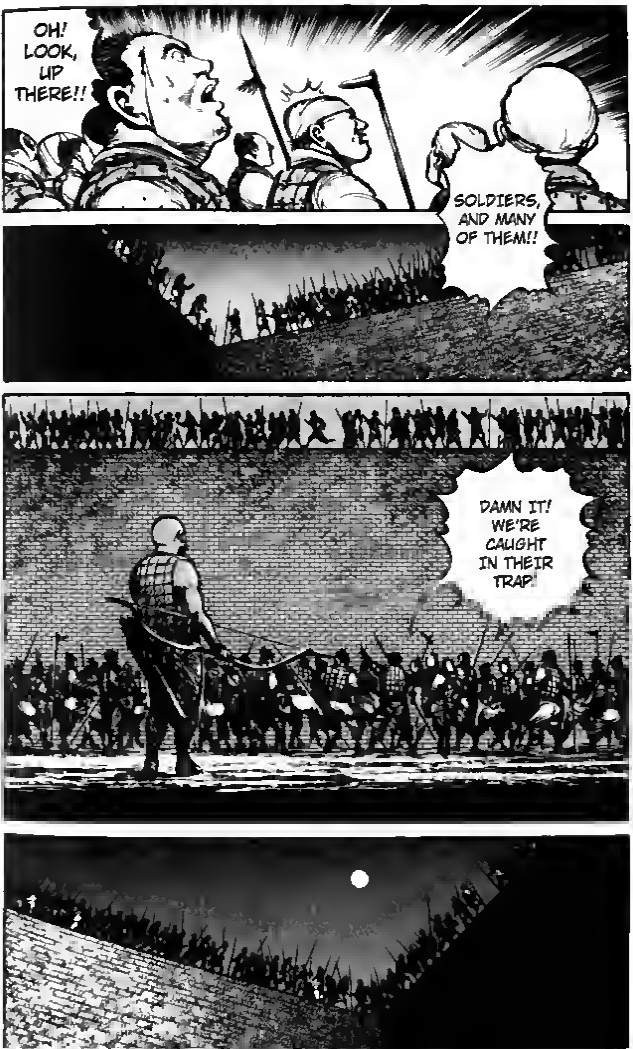
SHIOUOUH
POUTCH
PLAF
URR ...
CHIEF !!!

IT IS KAKURI !!!
THAT FUCKING BASTARD !!!

I WONT TAKE THIS !!
WAIT! WE NEED TO RETREAT
WE CAN'T TAKE A SINGLE STEP, BECAUSE OF THE TRAPS

I DO NOT WANT TO FLEE, I WILL AVENGE OUR CHIEF!
WOUNDS ARE NOTHING, I WONT LET THEM STOP ME!

WAIT! KAKURI HAS SURELY PREPARED OTHER SURPRISES FOR US!


OH! LOOK, UP THERE!!
SOLDIERS, AND MANY OF THEM!!
DAMN IT! WE'RE CAUGHT IN THEIR TRAP!

KAKURI HAD JUST TRICKED FIVE HUNDRED MEN INTO HIS TRAP, WHAT FATE HAD HE PLANNED FOR THEM?

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## CHAPTER 09
# THE MASSACRE

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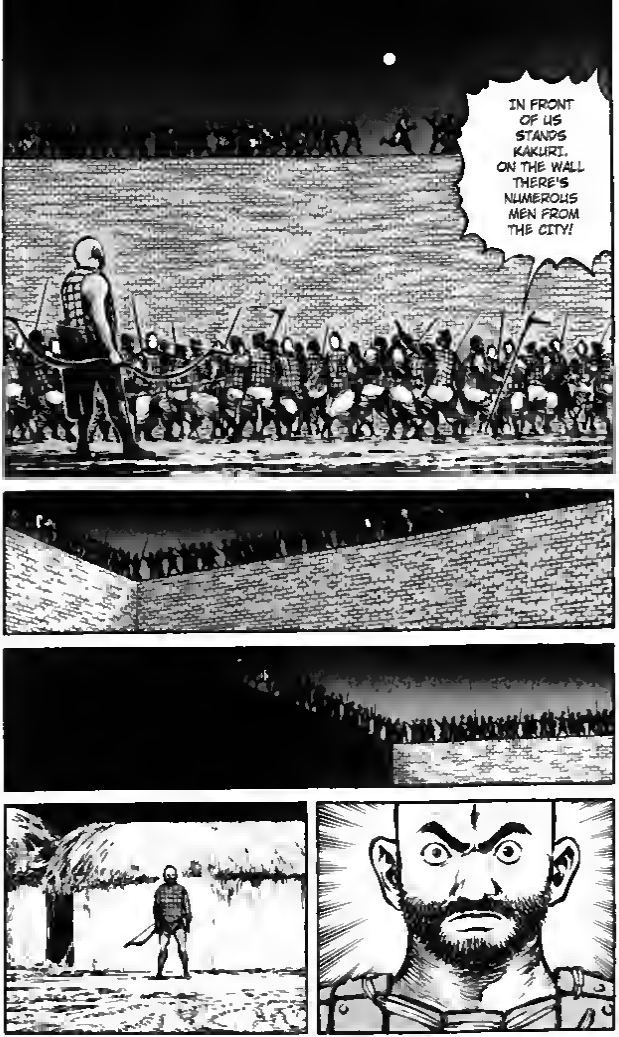

IN FRONT OF US STANDS KAKURI. ON THE WALL THERE'S NUMEROUS MEN FROM THE CITY!

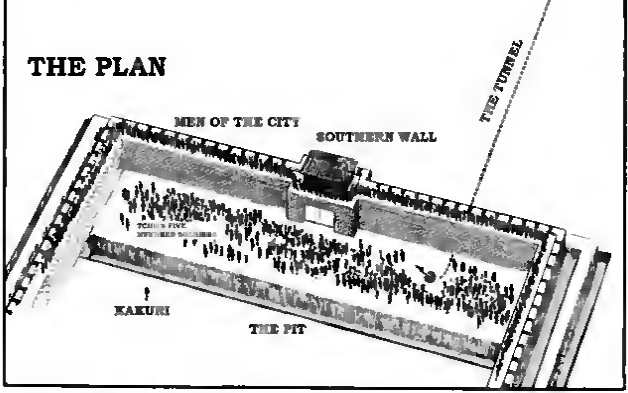
KAKURI HAD ALREADY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE'D DUG A TUNNEL!
DO NOT FEAR!
WE'RE NOT IN SUCH A BAD SPOT, NOW HE'S OURS TO KILL!

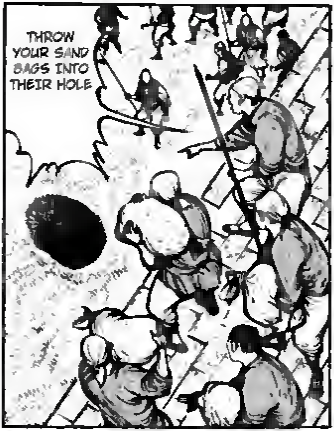
KAKURI!!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY FROM ALL OF US WITH YOUR WEAK LITTLE BODY?

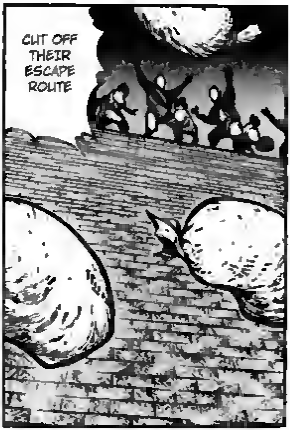
ALL YOU WHO REMAINED IN THE TUNNEL, COME ON OUT HERE!
LET US BRING BACK KAKURI'S HEAD TO GENERAL KOENTCHU!

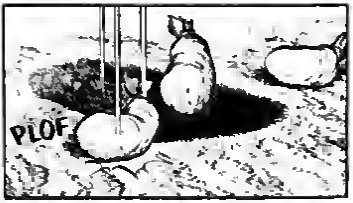
DA DA DA DA DA
LET'S KILL HIM !!!
WUAA AAAA AAAAA !!!
I WILL BE THE ONE WHO WILL BRING BACK KAKURI'S HEAD!
DZZ
TCHOUC
WHAT THE..! A PIT!

SCHLAH
SCHLAH
WUA AAAA AAAA !!!
DAMN! HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF THERE!
IMPOSSIBLE. IT IS WAY TOO DEEP!


THE PLAN
MEN OF THE CITY
SOUTHERN WALL
THE TUNNEL
KAKURI
THE PIT

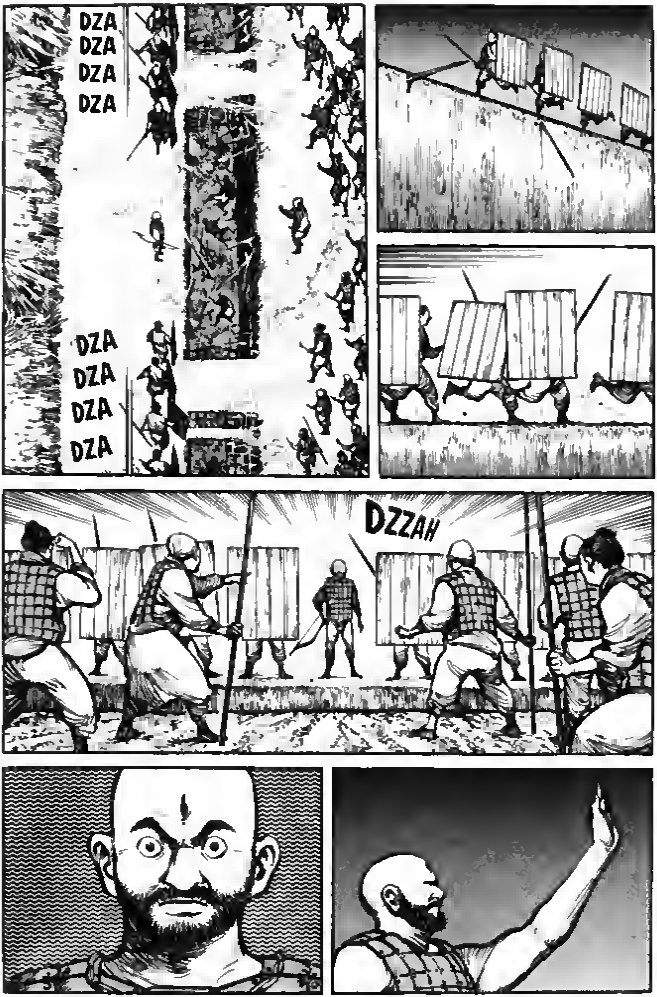

THROW YOUR SAND BAGS INTO THEIR HOLE


CUT OFF THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE

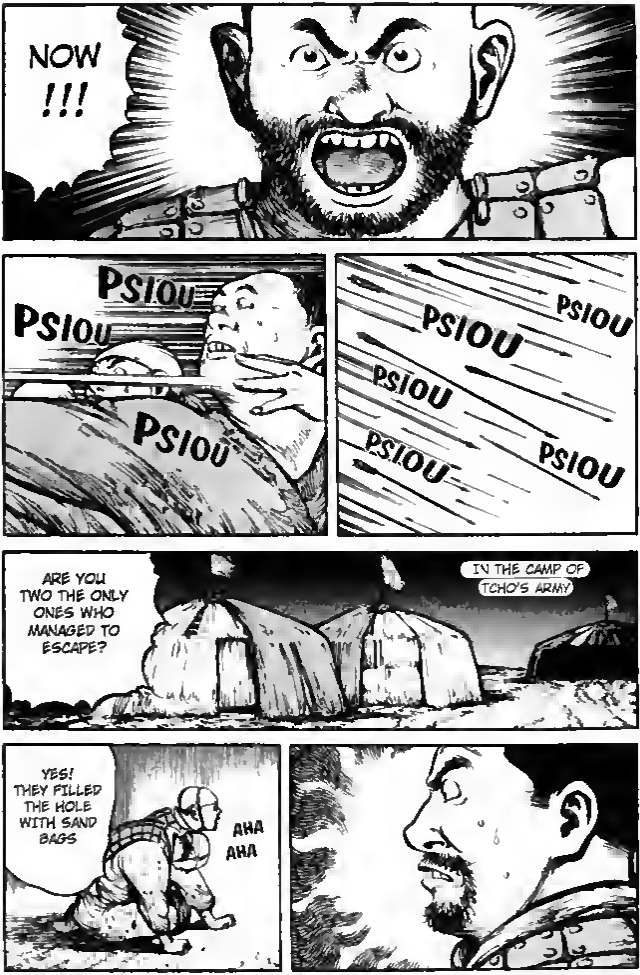

PLOF

DAMN IT! PROTECT THE HOLE!
WA
WA
WA
DON'T LET ANYONE ESCAPE!
THROW 'EM INTO THE HOLE, QUICKLY!
DA DA DA DA
DAMN IT!
WAA AAH !!!
PLOF
PLOF
PLOF
A A R G H
PLOF
WUA AAA ARGH !!!

WE CAN DO NOTHING BUT FLEE!
LET US GO AND TELL KOENTCHU ABOUT THIS!
LET'S TRY TO GET OUT THROUGH THIS DOOR
IT WONT OPEN!
PAN
PAN
IMPOSS-IBLE!
THEY'VE ALREADY BLOCKED THE DOOR, THERE'S NO WAY OUT


DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZA
DZZAH

KIK
PISSS
DON'T THINK OF THEM AS HUMAN,
YOUR PITY WON'T DO THEM ANY GOOD
KIK KIK


NOW !!!
PSIOU
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PSIOU
PSIOU
IN THE CAMP OF TCHO'S ARMY
ARE YOU TWO THE ONLY ONES WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE?
YES! THEY FILLED THE HOLE WITH SAND BAGS
AHA AHA

NOO
OOO
!!!!

KYAA AAAA!
PSHIOUH
PSHIOUH
PSHIOUH
POK
I WILL NOT DIE HERE!
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
YAAH
WAA AAAH !!!
DZAH
KYAH KYAH

MISTER KAKURI, ONE OF THEM IS GETTING AWAY!
KYAH KYAH
PFOF
TA TA TA

DZAAH
PIOUOUH
TCHOK
PLOF
OUH
OUH
AH! I'M TOAST!
WHAT? HIM!

IS HE HUMAN?
KILL IT!
NO, DO NOT KILL HIM, I'LL LOOK AFTER HIS WOUND!
WHAT?
PIOU
PIOU
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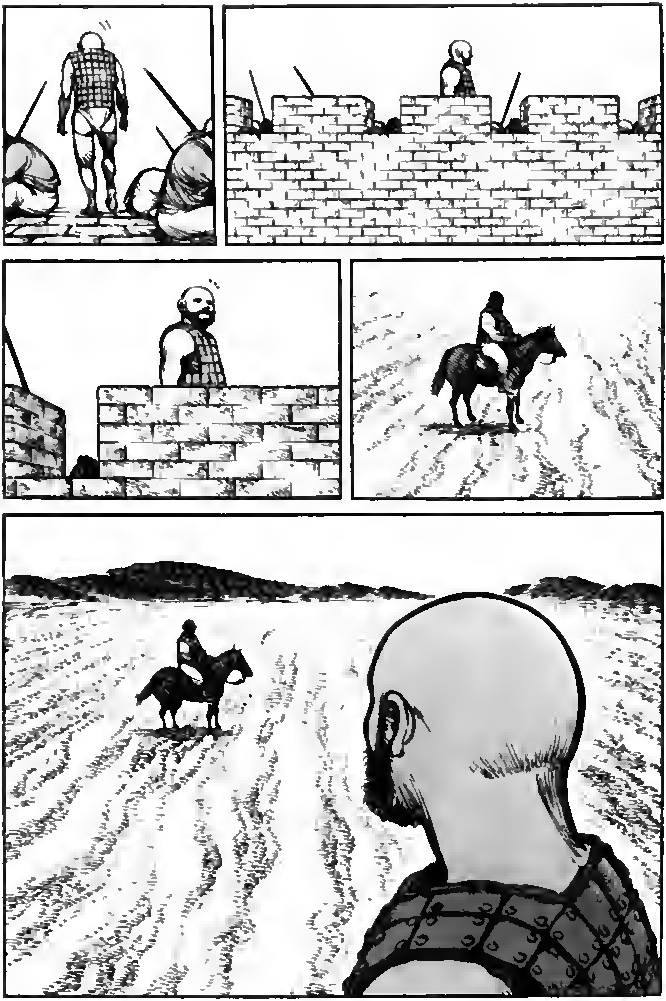
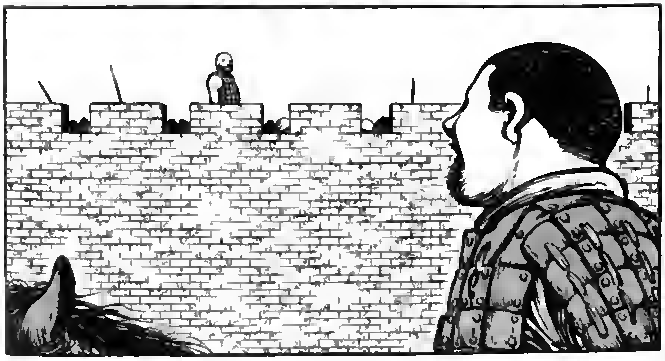
PIOU

MISTER KAKURI, AFTER THIS ...
.....
WILL THE ARMY OF TCHO GIVE UP?





ALTHOUGH FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, THEY WERE BOTH PREPARING FOR THE NEXT BATTLE ...

THIS TIME, KOENTCHU'S EYES WERE BURNING WITH ANGER, HE WAS NOT THE SAME MAN AS BEFORE

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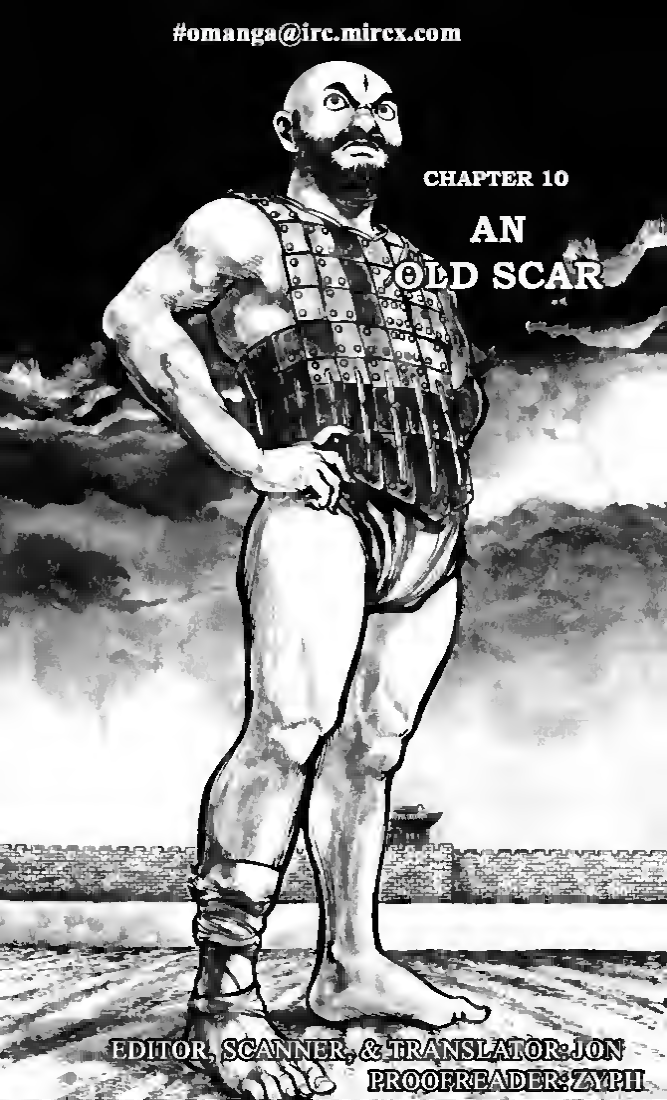
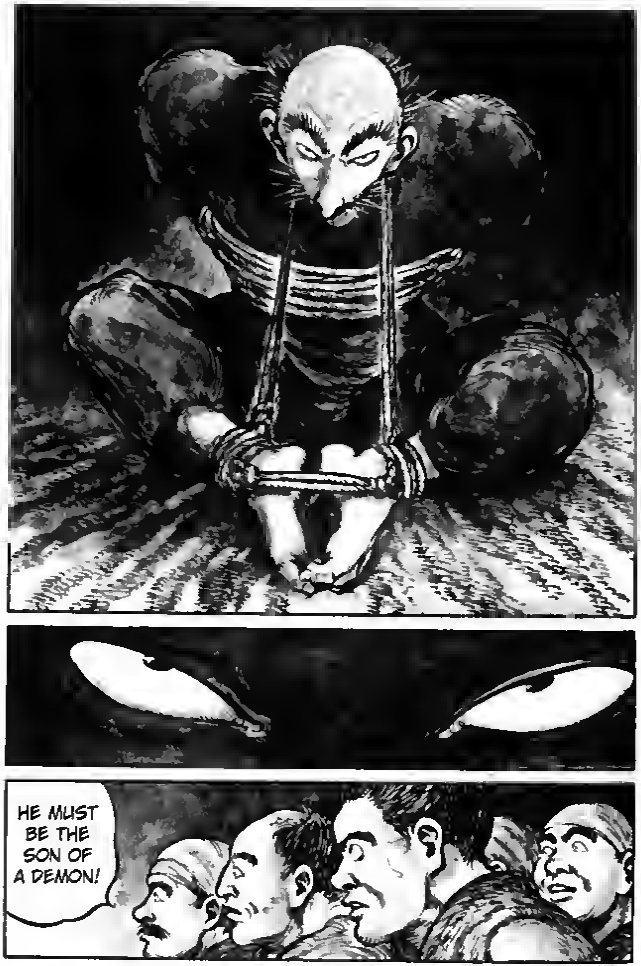
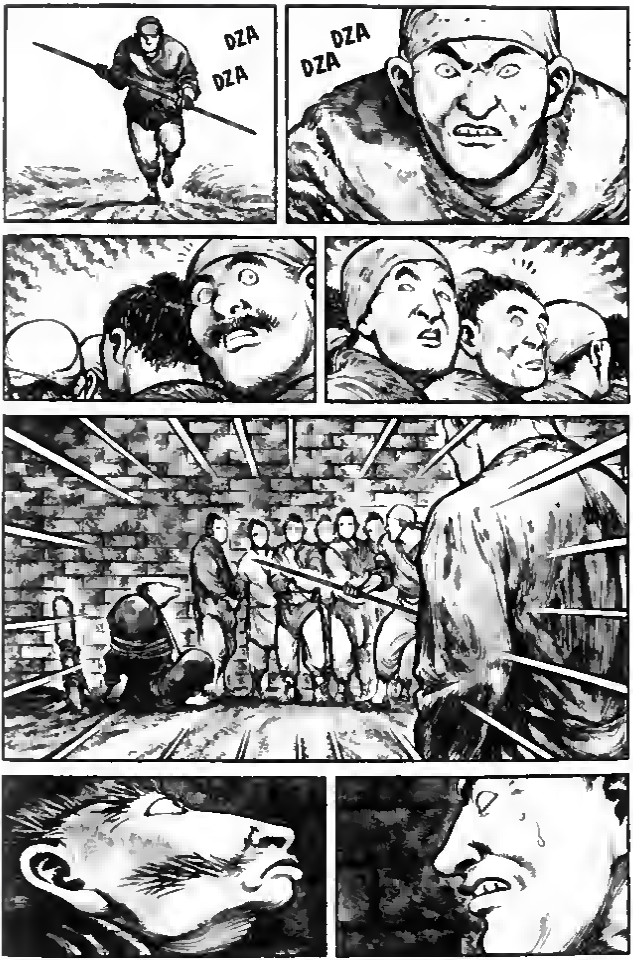



HE MUST BE THE SON OF A DEMON!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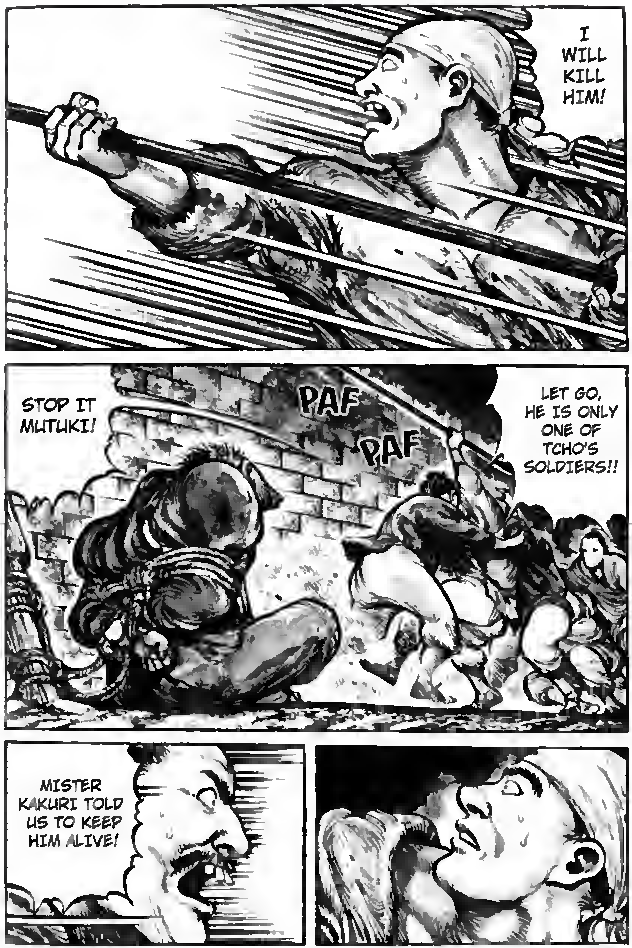
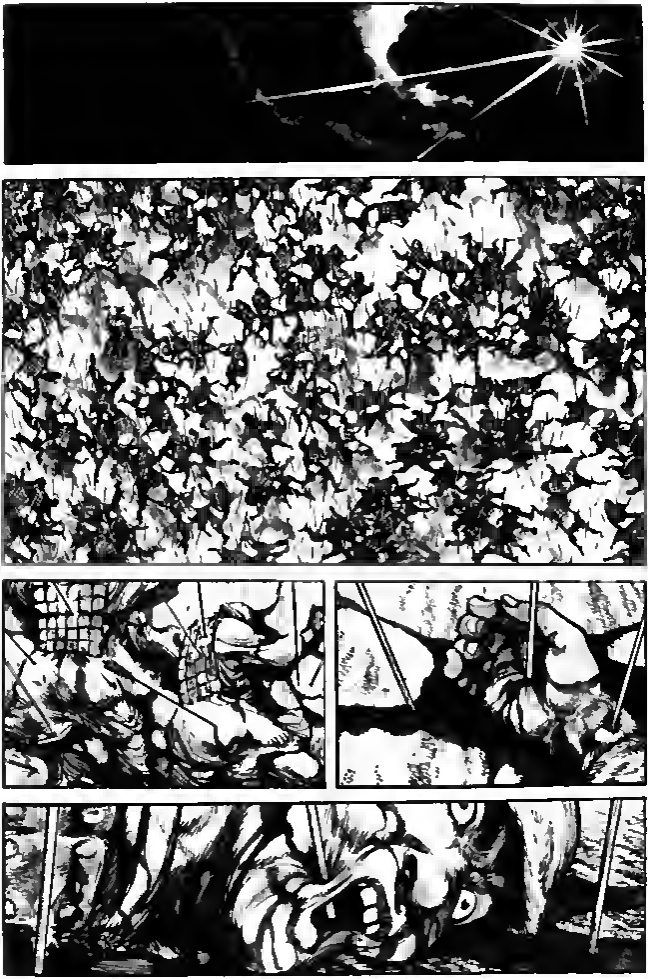

I WILL KILL HIM!
STOP IT MUTUKI!
PAF
PAF
LET GO, HE IS ONLY ONE OF TCHO'S SOLDIERS!!
MISTER KAKURI TOLD US TO KEEP HIM ALIVE!

HE... HE KILLED MY WIFE! WHY SHOULD HE BE ALLOWED TO LIVE?
WAAAA HAAAA AAAA!
HE HE
DAMN! THAT'S A LOT OF CORPSES!
KAKURI LET EVERYONE DIE, BUT WHY DIDN'T HE KILL THAT MONSTER?



GLUP
FIVE HUNDRED BODIES, THAT'S ONE BIG PILE OF CORPSES
IT WILL TAKE FOREVER TO DIG ALL GRAVES!!

MISTER KAKURI, WE HAVE REMOVED THE SAND BAGS FROM THE HOLE
AND INSIDE THE TUNNEL?

NOT A SINGLE SOLDIER LEFT

WELL THEN! WE'LL USE THIS HOLE AS A TOMB

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRAG THEM ALL DOWN THERE, BUT, AT LEAST THE ENEMY WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE TUNNEL AGAIN!
START WORKING!

CLAC
RECOVER THE BOWS, THE ARROWS AND THE SPEARS!!
PACK THE BODIES WELL, SO THE ENEMY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH!
PROUTCH!
CRRR
CRRR
PUT TWO HUNDRED BODIES IN THE TUNNEL
AND BURY THE REST OUTSIDE THE CITY!
DZA
DZA

PLOUTCH
HUH?
HEY, WE'VE ALREADY USED THAT SPOT!!
IDIOT, YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT WE'VE ALREADY BURIED SOMEONE HERE
WORK HARDER!
WE NEED TO FINISH BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN
HEY YOU! YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO REST!
LET HIM BE, HE HAS JUST BURIED HIS WIFE ...

WHAT I SAY MAY SEEM CRUEL TO MUTUKI, BUT HIS WIFE IS THE ONLY CASUALTY, WE DID RATHER GOOD
WE OWE IT ALL TO KAKURI. HE IS CLEARLY A REAL MAN OF BOKK!
IF YOU COULD CHOOSE WHAT YOU'D BE BORN AS, THEN I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BE BORN AS A MAN OF BOKK
SH
SH
I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS SO, EVERYONE FEELS THE SAME WAY!
SH
SH
SH
SH

I WAS ALSO BORN A PEASANT
?
THEN, WHEN I MET THE BOKK CLAN, IT FELT LIKE A SECOND BIRTH
SH SH
WHEN I REMEMBER THE PAST, THERE ARE MANY THINGS WHICH I AM NOT VERY PROUD OF
DZZ
DZZ

THANK GOD WE FINISHED ALL THE WORK BEFORE THE RAIN!
SPLASH
SPLASH
DZZ
DZZ
HMPF ...

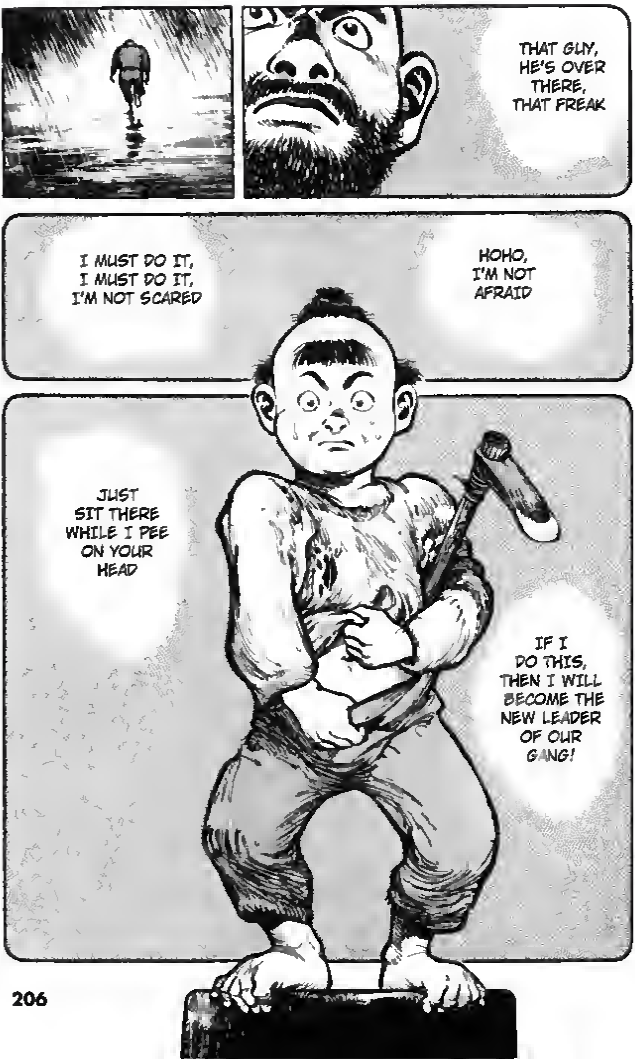
IS THIS MY FINAL HOUR?
I'VE HAD A LONG LIFE

PSSS
DZZZZZZZZ
FINALLY I CAN DIE, NO MORE SUFFERING!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
.....
I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS, BUT I HAVE TO DO THIS MYSELF!
MISTER KAKURI, ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO GO ALONE?
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. GO GET SOME REST

MISTER KAKURI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WILL EXECUTE HIM OUTSIDE
I DON'T WANT TO DO IT, BUT FOR MUTUKI, IT IS BETTER THIS WAY
STOP!
CRAC
!?
PLOUTCH

HERE'S A LITTLE RICE AND WATER, TAKE IT!
WHO ARE YOU?
NEVER RETURN HERE, UNDER-STOOD?
YOU ARE A STRANGE MAN!
GOOD BYE!


THAT GUY, HE'S OVER THERE, THAT FREAK
I MUST DO IT, I MUST DO IT, I'M NOT SCARED
HOHO, I'M NOT AFRAID
JUST SIT THERE WHILE I PEE ON YOUR HEAD
IF I DO THIS, THEN I WILL BECOME THE NEW LEADER OF OUR GANG!

HORRIBLE, THAT KAKURI, HE ACTUALLY DID IT!
GRROO OOOWL !!!

PLAF
GAA
ARH
ARG
TAC
TCHOUK

TA
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TA
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AHA
AHA
WHY DID YOU KILL HIM?
SHUT UP! DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS!

END OF VOLUME 02